### **Critical Tasks** For Lubbers As New Chief Of Alliance

Germany Backs Him For Top NATO Post, Removing a Hurdle

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - In record time, NATO has completed its search for a new civilian head by agreeing on Ruud Lubbers, a conservative former Dutch prime minister, officials said Tuesday at alliance headquar-

Of all the contenders for the job of NATO secretary-general, the ranking political heavyweight was Mr. Lubbers, 56, and the main obstacle in his path evaporated Tuesday when Chancellor Helmut Kohl scotched rumors of a possible German blackball.

Mr. Kohl said that he would support him "if Ruud Lubbers decides to become a

There is little doubt, officials said, that the NATO post is sought by Mr. Lubbers, who was prime minister for 12 years until 1994 and since then has been thwarted in several bids for international posts.

The last hurdle for Mr. Lubbers this time

— U.S. approval — should be only a formality because Washington traditionally defers to a European consensus about this post. Some officials in Washington have said that at this critical juncture for NATO, Mr. Lubbers ought to come under special scrutiny.

But time pressures are strong. The alliance's immediate priority involves a planned peacekeeping operation in Bosnia, where the North Atlantic Treaty Orgarization wants a secretary-general who is capable of fending off any interference by the United Nations.

That is particularly important to the Clinton administration as it seeks approval from Congress for sending U.S. troops to Bosnia. As a champion of NATO's au-thority, Mr. Lubbers is thought to have special credibility because of Dutch peacekeepers' frustrations in Srebenica, where UN authorities refused to allow NATO air

strikes in time to prevent massacres. In addition, the alliance faces important political decisions in December, including NATO's expansion eastward. Another issue concerns special multinational task forces involving European troops and U.S. ment — a concept designed to conciliate NATO and a stronger role for the Western

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Mr. Lubbers could be at work as secretary-general this month, officials said.

## Narrow Vote Bodes III For the Unity of Canada

By Charles Trueheart
Washington Post Service

MONTREAL - Canada was spared a fatal rupture by a slim majority of Quebec's voters, but this remained a country divided and a province divided, and together they

bode ill for national tranquillity.

The separatists on Tuesday never sounded more determined, and the government of Canada had never been so shaken.

In an address to Parliament, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien promised rapid implementation of the constitutional changes he offered before the near victory of separatists in Quebec's independence refer-endum. Referring to his pledge to enshrine recognition of the French-speaking province as a "distinct society," he said, "I will bring about these changes very quickly." But there was no certainty such an effort would mend the nation.

Voices of conciliation and relief were drowned out by expressions of anger, vengefulness and defiance inside and outside Quebec.

By a margin of only 52,448 votes, according to preliminary official figures, prounity voters in Quebec defeated a referendum proposal for secession from Canada. The separatists may have lost this key round in Quebec's long and ambivalent struggle for nationhood, but their total in the referendum Monday represents their high-water mark historically.

The separatist rhetoric on referendum night also took an ugly turn when Premier Jacques Parizeau, in a triumphalist pledge to "roll up our sleeves and start all over again," matter-of-factly noted that French-speaking Quebeckers had voted for independence by a 60 percent margin.

"It's true that we have been defeated."

he said, "but basically by what? By money and the ethnic vote." (Page 6)

liamentary session, Agence France-Presse reported from Montreal.

[He thanked his supporters, saying, "I will no longer be their leader, but I will be at their side."

Outside in the streets of Montreal, separatist supporters set fires, broke windows and picked fights with pro-unity crowds. The police quelled the disturbances.

Consciously and conspicuously, in recognizing the outcome, the separatist leader Lucien Bouchard echoed the well-remembered parting words of René Levesque, the late nationalist leader of Quebec, who told his disappointed partisans after the separatists lost a similar referendum in 1980. "If I have heard you correctly, you're saying, 'Until the next time.'

Mr. Bouchard, in defeat, simply said:

[Mr. Parizeau announced Tuesday that "Let us keep the faith. The next time will he would resign at the end of the par- be the right one. And the next time may

come sooner than people think." The moral victory for the separatist side and the prospect of a third divisive ref-erendum on independence for Quebec plunged the federal government of Mr. Chrenen into an immediate effort of crisis

management in a daylong cabinet meeting.

The prime minister's strategy of trying to ignore the Quebec referendum campaign until the panicky closing days have badly wounded him, and he was able to take little comfort from the thin defeat of the initiative. Even the Quebec-born Mr. Chrétien's own parliamentary district voted for independence.

Days before the vote, Mr. Chrétien and his allies, to satisfy Quebeckers, promised to

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A pro-independence Quebecker expressing himself to Montreal police Tuesday.

### Scientists Say a Study of Brothers Proves Existence of a 'Gay Gene'

By Curt Suplee
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Researchers have confirmed and extended one of the most controversial findings in modern biology: the discovery that hereditary factors apparently predispose some men to homosexuality.

In Tuesday's issue of the journal Nature Genetics, a team headed by the molecular biologist Dean Hamer of Mental Health, whose lab has begun its own "gay of the National Cancer Institute reported new evidence gene" study. "It has changed to a large extent because that genetic material on one segment of the X chro- of Dean Hamer's work, but also because the gay

mosexuality in males — though not in females.
"The next stage," Mr. Hamer said, "is to identify the gene or genes involved" and to try to determine exactly what biochemical processes might be at work.

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"The climate has changed," said Elliot Gershon, chief of clinical neurogenetics at the National Institute

Although most researchers say the development of homosexual orientation is influenced by a constellation of "environmental factors" such as personal experience, upbringing and family background, the

Mr. Hamer's group first proposed the existence of a

Only a few years ago, the notion of a "gay gene" was "an important addition to the growing body of evregarded as highly speculative, if not outlandish. But now numerous labs across the country are investigating in some people." But she cautioned that "precautions that if genes affected sexual orientation, then male in some people." But she cautioned that "precautions that if genes affected sexual orientation, then male in some people." distinctive configuration in at least one section of their DNA. In fact, the results showed that 83 percent of the gay brothers had the same set of five telltale genetic markers on the X chromosome. The odds of that happening by chance are 1 in 200.

The finding met with considerable initial skepticism - in part because of its politically provocative subject, discovery of a gene or genes that increase the probability of being gay would make it difficult to regard
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**Summit Security** 

Indications that the Japanese cult Aum Shinrikyo may have considered an attack

in Tokyo in November has led the U.S. Secret Service and Japan to take ex-

traordinary security precautions for the summit meeting in Osaka of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. While the cult's leaders are under ar-

rest on charges related to the poison gas attack on a Tokyo subway last March, Japan is mobilizing 25,000 police officers to protect the leaders. The move follows the seizure of cult documents that

the police said suggest the group wanted

to launch an attack to bring on Armaged-

don, in keeping with its predictions on the end of the world. The group also pub-

lished an article in January that spec-

ulated on a possible assassination of President Bill Clinton. (Page 4)

Is Heightened

### Paris to Change France Telecom's Status

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

PARIS — In a move that could trigger industrial unrest and political turnoil, French government officials have for the first time said they hope to transform France Telecom from a state entity to a corporation in 1996.

The change in status is a red flag to militant trade unions because it is a prelude to the partial privatization of France Telecom. Government sources said Tuesday that this would probably follow in early 1997. with a sale of 10 to 20 percent of the

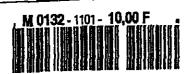
The officials also said that they expected to deregulate the monopolistic French telecommunications market by way of a new law that they intend to push through Parliament by June 1996.

not to be named said in an interview on Tuesday that Prime Minister Alain Juppé hoped to move "as fast as possible" to deregulate the French telecoms market.

Aithough European Union rules require that France end its telecommunications monopoly by 1998, the government's fear of strikes is such that until now it has

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avoided disclosing its plans for France Telecom.

necessary if France Telecom is to be allowed by U.S. and European authorities to forge ahead with strategic alliances with ously opposed to privatization and we will partners such as Deutsche Telekom of Germany and Sprint of the United States.

The government's shroud of secrecy surrounding plans for France Telecom reflects Telecom that as a result of disagreements. the fact that the company is a symbol of the struggle to impose market reforms against the wishes of trade unions bent upon protecting deeply entrenched privileges.

roided disclosing its plans for France elecom. "This is the confirmation of all our suspicions," said Pierre Khalfa, a senior official at SUD, the most militant of France Telecom's trade unions, when informed of the government's plans. "We are vigormobilize our workers for a series of strikes against any such plans."

So controversial is the future of France the government went through two presidents last summer before it named a third

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### EU Won't Penalize Devaluers

#### A senior government official who asked But Firms Hit by Currency Turmoil Can Get Help

By Tom Buerkle ional Herald Tribun

BRUSSELS - The European Union's executive commission on Tuesday rejected calls to impose trade barriers against EU countries that devalue their currencies, saying such moves would undermine Europe's single market for goods and services.

The commission nevertheless agreed valuations could seek aid from European restructuring funds.

The possibility of compensation was a

Belgium, who contend that countries like Italy, Spain and Britain have poached sales

and jobs by letting their currencies slide. The decisions were contained in a keenly anticipated report on the economic impact of currency turbulence that the commission will present to EU leaders at their summit meeting in Madrid on Dec. 15 and 16.

The report offered a fervent defense of Europe's economic and monetary onthodoxy, which calls for countries to stabilize exchange rates and prepare for a single that companies and industries hurt by de- currency by moving toward the same targets of low inflation and low government deficits. Countries need to attack the causes of instability, namely high deficits, rather clear concession to government and cor-porate leaders in France, Germany and berries or Italian automobiles, said Yves-

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TERRY SOUTHERN DIES — The satirist who wrote several novels and the screenplays for 'Easy Rider' and 'Dr. Strangelove' died in New York. Page 7.

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The Sayings of Kim Jong Il

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A Delicate Balance

As the leaders of the warring parties in Bosnia headed for talks in the United States, President Bill Clinton exhorted them to make peace even as he sought to minimize the effect of a House resolution that demonstrated strong opposition to sending U.S. troops to help police a final peace accord in the region. (Page 5)

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### Behind That Tasty Fish Dinner Is a Poison Deadly to the Oceans

By William K. Stevens New York Times Service

NEW YORK — When diners in Hong Kong's famous waterfront restaurants savor fish picked live from a glass tank and steamed, a popular custom there and elsewhere in Asia, the price of the meal does not include what a new investigation says is a dreadful hidden cost: rampant destruction of the biologically richest marine ecosystems in the world.

Ocean and held in restaurant aquariums are commonly captured by divers who squirt sodium cyanide at them, ological diversity, "We've got a big environmental murder going on,"

The chemical — used to execute criminals — merely stuns the fish and is not toxic to people in the dose commonly used for fishing. But scientists have determined that the dose is more than enough to kill the sensitive corals that build the rich reef habitat.

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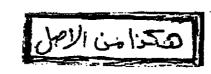
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Fishing for live reef fish now encompasses a swath from the Maldives in the Indian Ocean to the Solomon Islands and Australia in the Pacific, according to the said Robert E. Johannes, an American marine ecologist report — a range equivalent to about a quarter of the based in Tasmania. He is the main author of the earth's circumference, containing the biologically voluminous new study initiated and financed by the Nature Conservancy and the South Pacific Forum Fish-erally illegal to use poison in fishing throughout this region, the investigators say.



## Sayings of Kim Jong Il Have All Korea Listening

By Kevin Sullivan

▼ EOUL — Kim Jong II once said, Glory to the people's heroic military!" Those six words are the only nationally broadcast utterance ever made by the reclusive North Korean Com-

Although Mr. Kim speaks occasionally at small public appearances, mainly at military bases, few of his country's 23 million citizens have ever heard his voice. No American has ever met him.

So perhaps it is understandable that Kimwatching, a vestige of Kremlinology-style surveillance, has come to this:

A South Korean magazine this month published transcripts of 55 minutes of secretly recorded conversations with Mr. Kim, along with "psychoanalysis" by a psychiatrist, a psychologist and others who studied the tapes. More than 200,000 cassette tapes of the

Kim conversations were distributed with the magazines, giving the world its first chance to hear the man known in his country as the "Dear Leader."

The experts enlisted by the Monthly Chosun conclude that Mr. Kim is not a good listener, he interrupts, he repeats himself, he uses foul language, he has a superiority complex, he is more emotional than rational, he is self-centered, quick-tempered and always showing

Mr. Kim's high-pitched nervous laughter and nonstop talking mask inner turnoil, the experts said: "Such an expression could be interpreted in psychoanalysis that the person is trying to compensate for his inner self-

conflict or depression." Drawing conclusions from such thin evidence seems dubious, and the magazine warns against giving the tapes too much weight. But the article has been widely circulated here among serious South Korean and U.S. policymakers, indicating how starved the world is for information about an enigmatic ruler who controls a million-soldier army at one of the world's most dangerous flash points.

ore than 1,000 members of South Korea's Agency for National Security Planning, its version of the CIA, and the National Unification Board work full-time studying the emanations from Pyongyang, North Korea's capital.

Like the Sovietologists of the Cold War, they pore over Mr. Kim's speeches and papers and monitor North Korean radio and television. They have spies in North Korea.

They eavesdrop on telephone conversa-tions and study U.S. spy satellite photos. They have interviewed more than 80 defectors from North Korea in the last five years. They interview Koreans living in China who have visited North Korea. They probe defectors' tales that Mr. Kim, 53, imports women from Scandinavia for parties, that he drinks too much, that his health is bad.

Lately, they have reviewed the Monthly Chosun's analysis of the tapes, which were made by a South Korean movie director and his actress wife who were kidnapped on Mr. Kim's



North Korea's Kim Jong II, right, receiving a bouquet of flowers from a soldier while inspecting the troops early this year.

orders in 1978 and kept in North Korea for eight years, making movies for Mr. Kim, who has a passion for cinema and an extensive film ii-

'And still the conclusion is, it's not enough. It's not a clear picture," said Kil Jeong Woo, a newspaper columnist and former official of the National Unification Board.

For months, speculation had built that on Ocr. 10 Mr. Kim might take over as head of the Communist Party and president of the country, the two key posts he has not assumed since the death of his father, Kim II Sung, in July 1994. It is not clear why Mr. Kim has not formally assumed those titles, although most analysts say they believe he is fully in control in Py-

A year before his father died, Mr. Kim was appointed supreme commander of North Korea's armed forces; in earlier years he was party propaganda chief, and in the mid-1980s, he directed economic reform.

The thinking was that Mr. Kim might take over this month during a huge celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Korean Workers Party, the ruling Communist party. On that day, news reports in Korea and Japan duly noted that Mr. Kim appeared on the platform, that he raised his hand, that he waved and that he put his hand back down. In the end nothing more happened, and there was no explanation why.

All the uncertainty makes people very nervous about Mr. Kim, "No one has ever given us a very reassuring picture of his statesmanship." said Chuck Kartmann, second-in-command at

the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. Optimistic observers also say North Korea's unprecedented recent requests for international

assistance are evidence that Mr. Kim is more pragmatic and open than his father. "Kim Jong said Mr. Kil, the newspaper columnist. "He's not irrational. He's not stupid. He's trying to do something for his country to get them out of their problems."

Others say things are much more desperate North Korea is in the midst of its deepest economic crisis since the country was formed after World War II. Its gross national product has declined for seven years in a row, it cannot grow enough grain to feed its people, and problems were exacerbated by severe floods

But North Korea continues steadily to increase troop strength along its border with South Korea, and some analysts fear that Mr. Kim may eventually conclude his country's only viable export commodity is war.

President Kim Young Sam of South Korea recently hardened his government's stance toward Pyongyang. In a message delivered to the National Assembly last week, the South Korean leader said he saw no possibility of North-South talks any time soon.

n the center of the storm is the puzzling Kim Jong II, who remains silent except for the tapes distributed this month. They indicate that even he has doubts about the system he oversees. "We've tried socialism for 30 years, but we can't possibly feed our people and provide them a living unless we rely on the Western world," Mr. Kim said on a recording made Oct. 19, 1983.

On the same tape, Mr. Kim criticized workers in his country's film industry: "In South Korea, they have to earn their bread so they have to work hard to prove themselves. But

here in North Korea, everything is provided. They don't need to work hard."
"In South Korea," Mr. Kim said, "they now

possess advanced technology, and they are like college students. On the other hand, here in North Korea, they are like kindergartners." In a recording made Aug. 4, 1984, Mr. Kim

said: "Ten or 20 years ago, we told our people that we had to tighten our belts to build military readiness, but now, where are we now? All right. O.K. We will put priority on defense and key industries. At the same time, we have to improve the quality of people's lives....

"In 1950, when there was a war, what did we think? We believed our system was better and we had to maintain it, and then we went ahead. We benefited from it. Now after 30 years of socialism, to feed people we have to penetrate into the Western world. Now, we are far behind the Western world.'

Cho Gab Je, editor of the Monthly Chosun, said he believed Mr. Kim's ambivalence came from his artistic soul. Although he is a dictator who has sentenced countless people to concentration camps, he prefers to compose music or make movies.

"In his mind, he is fundamentally more artist than dictator," Mr. Cho said, "But the system of their regime has made him act like a dic-

**COMING UP** 

Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, is on a journey of vindication and respectability as he joins other Balkan leaders in fresh peace talks. But he remains deeply haunted by his past.

## KGB Fakes Given To U.S. Presidents

### Mass Reprimands Asked For CLA Aides Involved

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON - The CIA passed to U.S. presidents and other top officials in the late 1980s and early 1990s misleading information obtained from Soviet double agents put in place by the KGB with the help of confessed spy Aldrich Hazen Ames. according to two new CIA reports.

As a result of this "massive disinformation campaign" by the Soviets, one former top intelligence official said, "the U.S. released publicly wrong information and may have wasted millions of dollars retooling military equipment to meet fabricated changes in Soviet capabilities.'

"How organized and focused the KGB operation was is debatable," according to another source familiar with the re-

The disclosure of the KGB's double agent operation is contained in the damage assessment of the year-long inquiry into the effect of Mr. Ames's espionage prepared by Richard L. Haver, executive director of Intelligence Community Affairs, and a follow-up investigation by Inspector-General Frederick P. Hitzof

The findings of the two investigations, which were described Monday by congressional and intelligence sources, are to be presented to the House and Senate intelligence committees by the CIA director, John M. Deutch.

Based on the findings, Mr. Hitz has recommended to Mr. Deutch that almost a dozen past and present agency officials be reprimanded, including former CIA directors William W. Web. ster, Robert M. Gates and R. James Woolsey, the sources said Reprimands also were recommended for a handful of deputy directors for operations, who supervised the clandestine service during this period.

Mr. Hitz wants them held responsible for not closely sa pervising sensitive information sent to the president.

Mr. Deutch will have to decide what to do with Mr. Hitz's recommendations. He has already raised the ire of many agency employees because of punishments he meted out to a number of CIA officials and agents for their performance in Guatemala.

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Mr. Hitz also charges that some officials in CIA's Directorate of Operations continued to pass on "blue border reports" reserved for extremely sensitive information from human operatives — even after they began to suspect the intelligence was coming from "controlled agents," an agency term for people who worked for the Soviets but who gave the CIA valuable information, the sources said.

Blue-border reports are hand-carried to specific customers including the president, who gets them stapled into the daily morning intelligence report prepared especially for him.

The apparent delivery of double agent material to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush is particularly embarrassing for the CIA, one former top official said, "particularly if we were disseminating information that was fake and the agency knew

A former top CIA official said some agency personnel disagree with Mr. Hitz and say that the nature of the sources was described

Neither Mr. Hitz nor CIA officials would comment on the

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Spanish Pilots Call 2 Days of Strikes

MADRID (AFP) — A strike by pilots of Spain's national carrier, Iberia, is expected to cause major disruption to flights on Wednesday and Thursday, the company said Tuesday.

The two days of strikes, called to protest a restructuring plan and agement of the airline, are expected to mean cancellation of about 70 percent of all flights. The union has called for four two-day stoppages in the first half of November.

#### French Unions Vote for Job Action

PARIS (Reuters) — French trade unions called a day of job action for Nov. 14 to protest government plans to overhaul the welfare state, the unions said in a joint statement.

The five largest labor federations, flanked by the schoolteachers' union and the civil servants' unions, voted late Monday to stage the protest. The unions stopped short of calling for a strike, although several unions have refused to rule out such a stoppage, depending on Prime Minister Alain Juppé's proposals.

#### Stonehenge Enters Computer Age

LONDON (Reuters) — The ancient stone circle of Stonehenge met the information age on Tuesday with the launch of a new computer system that propels viewers back 5,000 years.

The site has been mapped out in detail and can be accessed on CD-ROM or Virtual Reality headsets or via the Internet.

About 120 American tourists were stranded in Nice when their cruise ship was impounded in the French port owed by the New York-based firm Regency Cruise, the port authority said Tuesday. Crew members said they had received a fax from Regency Cruise saying it had folded.

(AFP)

Malaysia Airlines has been granted one more weekly flight to Paris after threatening to stop buying aircraft from European consortium Airbus Industrie if refused extra landing rights. The airline currently operates two flights a week to Paris. (AFP)

Belgian railroad unions are considering new strikes against a plan to restructure the national rail company, union spokesmen said on Tuesday.



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### Indictments Shake South Africa Shield for Top Apartheid Officers Is Cracked

By Lynne Duke

Washington Post Service JOHANNESBURG — The prospect of Magnus Malan. who was minister of defense during the tumultuous 1980s and early 1990s, being prosecuted for murder with 10 apartheid-era military officers

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has rocked South Africa's del-including six small children, in icate political balance and 1987 in the KwaZulu-Natal rearoused fears of renewed violence from white ultraright-

In particular, it has shattered the protective bubble that appeared to shield high-ranking apartheid leaders from prosecution and renewed debate here about how South Africa will uncover and reconcile the hidden truths of the now discarded system of racial separation.

Sidney Mufamadi, the minister for safety and security, said Sunday that Mr. Malan was to be charged with murder on Thursday for his alleged role in creating a paramilitary force within the Zulu-nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party. That force is accused of massacring 13 people,

gion in a mistaken attempt to kill a supporter of the then-banned African National Congress. The ANC, led by President

Nelson Mandela and the majority party since last year's first all-races elections, has long contended — as have independent investigators - that a "third force" of security operatives fomented violence between black groups during and after the apartheid era. The allegation against Mr. Malan, which he denied Monday, represents the first official indication of the heights from which prosecutors believe the "third force" emanated.

In addition to Mr. Malan, those charged include five generals who were chiefs of defense, the army and three military intelligence branches. One of them is a current rightist member of Parliament.

A war of words has begun within Mr. Mandela's government of national unity, which was cobbled together last year out of former foes. A deputy president, Frederik W. de Kierk, has supported the accused, sayfor national reconciliation."

Rightist whites, already an-



A GHOST TOWN - A buried statue in Bacolor, Philippines, where former residents visited Tuesday, All Saints Day. The town was covered by volcanic mud.

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people in the weeks preceding has supported the accused, say-ing the charges "can obviously the Malan case as a rallying cry have far-reaching repercussions to unify Afrikaners, the descendants of South Africa's early white settlers. From several gry at Mr. Mandela's recent re-quarters, the ANC was accused

fusal to grant amnesty to the of timing the prosecution to bers of the ANC's armed wing, white bombers who killed 20 score points in local elections The ANC shot back in a stateslated for Wednesday.

from prosecution. When he was president, Mr. de Klerk ap-

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The ANC shot back in a statement: "We ask: Do the deputy Mr. de Klerk appealed to Mr. president, F.W. de Klerk, and Mandela to grant Mr. Malan and the National Party want to bepresident, F.W. de Klerk, and the others temporary immunity come defenders, apologists or protectors of those who are alleged to be murderers of inproved such immunity for mem-nocent women and children?

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### The Right Remedy, Doctors Say

WASHINGTON — The Medicare and Medicaid measures working their way through Congress could remold the roles of many doctors, turning them into medical entrepreneurs and permitting them to engage in business enterprises that are now forbidden. The legislation is an important victory for the American Medical Association after years in which doctors have complained about losses of income and authority in the age of managed care.

The House version of the legislation would allow doctors to start physician-run health groups without the financial and regulatory requirements that states impose on similar organizations. Instead, the House bill would authorize development of new federal regulations to police the doctors.

The bill could also make it easier for doctors to set prices in ways that now violate antitrust rules. It, along with the Senate version, would let doctors charge some Medicare recipients higher fees then they can now. And it would permit local medical groups to define standards in ways that government officials say would curb competition and raise prices to pa-

President Bill Clinton has threatened to veto the bills, making the future of these provisions uncertain. Before the president gets a bill, the House and Senate also have to compromise on their differences.

The House bill, more than the Senate version, reflects the lobbying efforts of the medical association. But both bills would help doctors battle managed care organizations and earn money in new ways.

This is not about dollars; it's about control," said Dr. Lonnie R. Bristow, president of the medical association, referring to many provisions. "It will give physicians an opportunity to come together and compete with the large insurance companies and corporate managed-care entities.

Patient care will improve, he said, because decisions will be made by doctors and patients unencumbered by restrictions from private managed care groups. Those groups pay doctors a fixed fee for the care of a patient and often prohibit or discourage treatments deemed to be ineffective or too

Republicans argue that in place of fee restrictions and other government regulations, a hotly competitive market for Medicare and Medicaid dollars will hold down prices and improve benefits.

But consumer groups and antitrust officials say many changes would be disastrous for patients, potentially leading to higher fees, poorer care and a fraying of trust, with patients questioning whether doctors are making decisions for economic rather than medical reasons.

#### Mrs. Dole Takes a Sabbatical

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Dole has stepped downtemporarily - from her job as president of the American Red Cross. Organization officials said she wanted to devote more time to the presidential campaign of her husband, Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, and that she felt her continued presence as head of the Red Cross would embroil the organization in politics.

Mrs. Dole and the board of the Red Cross said she would resume her position after next year's election, even if she did so as first lady. She said her leave would begin imminently. "I'm leaving now to help my husband," Mrs. Dole said. "I hope one day to help him as first lady. But I'll always be a Red

Mrs. Dole said she would keep her \$200,000-a-year job. Should her husband become president, she would be the first first lady to work full time outside the White House. (NYT)

#### Quote/Unquote

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Senator Pete V. Domenici, Republican of New Mexico and chairman of the Senate finance committee, on raising the debt ceiling to avoid pushing the government into default: "We know what we want, and we're going to have to extend the debt ceiling on a temporary basis.

Newt Gingrich, the Georgia Republican and House speaker, on the same subject: "We're waiting to hear from the president. A lot of things could happen once the president agrees to chat with Senator Dole and me. It's very strange the president hasn't called me."

Bob Dole, the Kansas Republican and Senate majority leader, who said he had not heard from the president, either: "I keep leaving my number."

#### Away From Politics

• For the first time since Dr. Jack Kevorkian began his campaign for doctor-assisted suicide in 1990, a small group of Michigan doctors has come forward to endorse the concept, "Qualified medical personnel should be able to assist adult, competent human beings to terminate their suffering, under appropriate circumstances, by assisting in the ending of life." said the group, which calls itself Physicians for Mer-

 Managers of The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press rejected the latest offer from six unions that have been on strike against the newspapers since July 13 and said they were not optimistic about reaching a deal.

• A majority of Americans are more concerned about potential invasions of their privacy by government agencies than by business, according to a survey commissioned by a firm that provides datato the insurance industry.

• Prosecutors in the federal-building bombing case deplored a dismissed grand juror's history of embracing conspiracy theories, but said his conduct did not warrant throwing out indictments against Timothy James McVeigh and Terry Lynn Nichols. The juror was dismissed last week from the grand jury investigating the April 19 bombing in Oklahoma City because he violated secrecy rules by giving an interview to a magazine with ties to rightist militias. (AP)

### 3 Very Authoritarian Leaders, 3 Very Different Receptions

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Fidel Castro never got so much as a smile or a handshake when he stepped into the same reception with President Bill Clinton last week. The Secret Service deftly kept them from coming face to face.

President Jiang Zemin of China did a bit better. The administration quashed his hopes for a state visit, but insisted that a largely empty twohour meeting in New York had advanced the cause of "comprehensive engagement" with the Chinese, the kind of engagement Mr. Castro is desperate to win.

And then came Suharto, the aging, militarybacked leader of Indonesia, and a man who also knows a good deal about how to keep dissenters under control. When he arrived at the White House on Friday for a "private" visit with the president, the Cabinet room was jammed with top officials ready to welcome him. "There wasn't an empty chair in the room,"

one participant said. "No one used to treat the Indonesians like this, and it said a lot about how our priorities in the world have changed."

administration balances American economic in-terests abroad, presidential election politics at communist countries, including China, Vietnam Taiwanese and European business interests. world these days, simply look at how Mr. Clinton change in their governments. dealt with three very different, very authoritarian Mr. Jiang presented a far in

For years, Washington has embraced dictatorial leaders, particularly anti-communist ones. when it served the national interest. But in interviews in recent days, administration officials said the treatment of Mr. Castro, Mr. Jiang and Mr. Suharto was driven by very different litmus iests, a potent mix of power politics and emerg-

ing markets. Of all the three leaders, Mr. Castro probably evokes the strongest emotional response, especially in the Cuban community in Florida, where anti-Castro sentiment remains at a fever pitch. Florida is a key state in the coming elec-tion. "Castro is still political dynamite," said one of Mr. Clinton's foreign policy advisers. And of the three, he has the fewest strategic

cares about Mr. Castro's fate. And he has few other sources of capital to reach for.

That allows the United States the luxury of

home and human rights concerns around the and North Korea, is the best way to bring about

summer, when China was outraged by the Clinton administration's decision to allow Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, to visit Cornell University, the State Department has been consumed with getting back on speaking terms with Beijing.

The rebuilding process began with Mr. Christo-pher, who met his Chinese counterpart in Brunei, and then New York. The Chinese responded by releasing Harry Wu, an American who had been seized and charged with espionage during one of

his human rights investigations in China. But Mr. Clinton is having a harder and harder time making the case that his decision two years ago to "delink" the issue of human rights from the annual extension of preferential trade treatment is paying off. Nor is there much evidence and economic cards to play. Russia no longer that "commercial engagement," a phrase coined by Mr. Brown, has resulted in significantly better

treatment for dissidents. For a quick understanding of how the Clinton continuing a policy of isolating Cuba while upside and downside. Failure to get into the market to have with China."

That leaves Mr. Suharto, who is sitting on the ultimate emerging market: some 13,000 islands, Mr. Jiang presented a far more complex case a population of nearly 200 million and an econfor the White House. Since the beginning of the omy growing at more than 7 percent a year. The omy growing at more than 7 percent a year. The country remains wildly corrupt, and Mr. Suharto's family controls leading businesses that competitors in Jakarta would be unwise to challenge. But Mr. Suharto, unlike the Chinese, has been savvy in keeping Washington happy. He has deregulated the economy, opened Indonesia to foreign investors, and kept the Japanese. Indonesia's largest supplier of foreign aid, from grabbing more than a quarter of the market for goods imported into the country.

So Mr. Clinton made the requisite complaints about Indonesia's repressive tactics in East Timor, where anti-government protests continue, and moved right on to business, getting Mr. Suharto's support for market-opening progress during the annual Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Osaka in mid-November.

"He's our kind of guy," said a senior administration official. "The message of his visit Unlike Cuba, China is all about huge potential, was clear. This is the kind of relationship we want

### Clinton Keeps Stiff Sentences for Crack

By Ann Devroy Vashington Post Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton signed bill into law Monday that would maintain stiff prison sentences for those convicted of possessing or trafficking in small amounts of crack cocaine, over the objections of some civil rights groups and the Congressional Black Caucus.

In signing the bill, Mr. Clinton aligned himself with congressional Republicans, who rejected recommendations by the U.S. Sentencing Commission to lower the prison terms for offenses involving crack cocaine to make them the same as offenses involving powder cocaine.

In a written statement emphasizing his for possessing and selling crack cocaine because trafficking in that drug "has had a devastating impact" on communities across America, particularly inner-city communities. "I am not going to let anyone who of legislation passed by the Republicanpeddles drugs get the idea that the cost of controlled House and Senate that killed the doing business is going down," Mr. Clinton

The current penalties, which Mr. Clinton's action endorsed, have been criticized for the disparity between the punishment of recommendations. The commission had those convicted of possessing or selling recommended moderating the penalties for steps to "upgrade the level of security" at crack cocaine, who generally are black, and crack cocaine possession to bring those the federal prisons.

erally are white. Crack cocaine is a form of cocaine cooked with baking soda that is cheaper and more accessible than powder

Possession of five grams of crack brings a mandatory five-year prison term, while possession of the same amount of powder cocaine draws a one-year sentence.

Trafficking in five grams of crack brings the same five-year prison term as trafficking in 500 grams of powder cocaine, cre-

ating what critics called a 100-to-1 ratio.

Mr. Clinton acknowledged those disparties, saying "some adjustment is war-ranted," and he endorsed the sentencing commission's reviewing the issue further. He also said the way to fix the disparity was anti-crime record, Mr. Clinton said he was to increase the penalty for distributing rejecting "dramatic reductions" in penalties powder cocaine. Mr. Clinton said he had ordered Attorney General Janet Reno to "develop enforcement strategies" to go after powder cocaine distributors.

Mr. Clinton's move was an endorsement recommendations of the U.S. Sentencing Commission — the first time in the commission's seven-year history that Congress and the White House had blocked one of its

Critics accused Mr. Clinton of making a purely political call, fearful of looking soft on crime. Jesse L. Jackson met last week with the White House deputy chief of staff, Harold Ickes, to lobby in favor of changing the penalties. On Monday, Mr. Jackson called Mr. Clinton's decision "a moral

disgrace. Mr. Jackson said Mr. Clinton was "willing to sacrifice young black youth for white fear" and added, "There are those inside the White House who are willing to write off the black Democratic vote to look tough to white Republican voters."

"Poor young kids who can afford only crack go to jail," said Representative Melvin Watt, a Democrat of North Carolina. "Rich young kids who can afford powder go home and sleep in their own

Riots at several federal prisons were attributed, at least in part, to anger over the sentencing disparities after the House last month refused to accept the recommendations to equalize the base penalty for crack and cocaine crimes.

Since the riots and anticipating disturbances in the wake of Mr. Clinton's decision, the Justice Department has taken



ROYAL VISTT — King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway during a visit Tuesday to the White House.

### Colombia Drug Chiefs Enlist U.S. Firms

By Clifford Krauss and Douglas Frantz New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Frustrated by government crackdowns on traffickers fundei leaders of the Cali cartel are lars they reap in cocaine sales in unknowingly accepting drug have turned to old-fashioned the United States through cash. have turned to old-fashioned methods similar to those used to

American companies. In recent months, investigators in New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Miami have uncovered a range of intricate schemes in which Colombian drug kingpins are using scores of American companies large and small, witting and unwitting — to help launder their

illicit profits.
"The cartels have been moving into trade because we have been working to tighten up the financial sector," said Robert S. Gelbard, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement af-

'It's become increasingly important that companies know who they are doing business with," he added.

In one New York investigation, Federal Customs Service officials said they have identified 105 American companies that accepted drug money for electronics, auto parts and other goods shipped to Colombia. They will not name the companies, they said, until the case

is closed. In addition, the Man-pay for the imported goods with ficult to detect is that these opis beginning an investigation into more than a dozen small costume-jewelry exporters operating along Broadway below banks that once helped Colom- midtown and in the Times iare areal as well as other their profits back home, the electronics and furniture companies around Manhattan that the true exchange rate. laundering the billions of dol- are suspected of knowingly or

> And Scotland Yard, working smuggle drugs into the United with federal and New York States — concealing dollars inprosecutors, has been looking into still more money laundering schemes in which cartel operatives buy and sell paintings at art galleries in London and New York, a senior American law-enforcement official said.

While the schemes can be complex, the concept is simple.

Just as drug merchants need to move their product into the United States, they need to move their earnings south and convert them into pesos.

In the early days of the drug trade, profits were small and easily transported in suitcases. But when America's appetite for drugs exploded in the 1970s and the volume of business reached into the hundreds of millions of dollars, the drug exporters needed more efficient means of sending the money home.

In the new schemes, cartel intermediaries typically contact companies in Colombia that import goods from the United

The intermediaries offer to

hartan district attorney's office dollars that go to the American erations are cloaked within exporters. In return, the importers pay the intermediaries an equiva-

lent amount inside Colombia. scheme, the importers

side real products or in false bottoms of containers.

U.S. officials estimate that Cali traffickers are using such trade-related schemes to process about half of the \$6 billion a year in cocaine revenue that goes from the United States to Colombia, with billions more being sent through third coun-

tries like Mexico. Officials said the increase in the schemes is so great, they have helped improve the U.S. balance of trade with Colom-

deficit with Colombia; last year it had a \$5 billion surplus.

Clinton administration officials estimate that a major portion of the increase in exports is paid for with tainted money.

"What makes them so difdnig sales.

what appear to be legitimate businesses, with legitimate inventories, sales and customers," said Eric Friedberg. For having participated in the chief of narcotics prosecution in the U.S. attorney's office if

"The drug money can be In other cases, the cartels easily mixed with legal sales of

the company."

Last week, the Clinton administration singled out 33 Colombian companies — from drug store chains to automobile dealers — that President Bill Clinton said were fronts for the Cali cartel, and ordered U.S. companies to stop trading with

The Drug Enforcement Administration refused to identify the companies, but Greg Passic, a special agent at the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, said that wholesale representatives of many American companies, including General Electric, Microsoft, Apple Computer and General Motors, had sold goods Ten years ago, the United General Motors, had sold goods States had a \$5 billion trade to Colombian importers they did not know were Cali front com-

> In other instances, officials said, smaller private American firms or franchises knowingly accepted cash generated by

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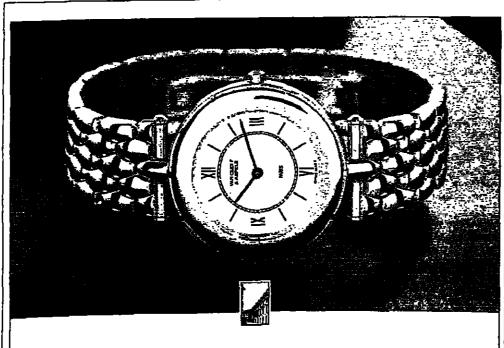


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SEOUL — Former President Roh Tae Woo has been summoned to appear before South Korean prosecutors who want to ask him about a \$654 million "We cannot let this poison fortune he secretly amar our entire relationship," Mr. prosecutors said Tuesday. fortune he secretly amassed.

Mr. Roh was instructed to

ing, an official there said. He would be the first South

Korean president to appear be-fore prosecutors. No president past, but public pressure is mounting on the government to make an example of Mr. Roh.

"The questioning is expect-Moon Young Ho, the prosecutor in charge of the case, was

over to the Japanese authorities agency as saying. "It will begin at 10 A.M. and continue late into the night." In addition, the Pentagon is "It's inevitable he would be moving ahead with a series of recalled," Mr. Moon added proposed adjustments to U.S. Mr. Roh, who ended his five-

## Cult's Doomsday Talk Sparks Summit Security Alert Lashing to Teach Maid a 'Lesson'

BY Christopher Drew New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Indications that the Japanese sect accused of releasing nerve gas in a Tokyo subway may have considered mounting another attack this November is prompting extraordinary security precautions for a meeting that President Bill Clinton and other world leaders are expected to attend in Osaka, Japan, in two weeks, government officials said

Though the sect's leaders are under arrest for the subway attack last March, and the group, Aum Shinrikyo, seems to be crumbling, a Senate report sible threat from the sect seriously,

released Tuesday said Japanese police particularly because the group pub- to acquire materials to make weapons, had seized documents indicating that it lished an article in January with the from Russian submachine guns to nu-

While it is not clear if the cult is still capable of causing trouble. Japan is accident." planning to mobilize some 25,000 police officers to guard the area around Osaka Castle, a 16th century fortress surrounded by mosts, where the summit meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum is to take place.

The report, by the Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations, said the Secret Service was taking the pos-

might have viewed November as a target date for trying to instigate hostilities between the United States and publication, went on to say that "it would not be strange if he were assassinated, making it appear like an

> A Secret Service spokesman, David M. Adams, would not comment on the sect. But he added, "Obviously any threat that we have, we take it seriously.

> The Senate report is the result of a 5month investigation into the sect's activities around the world. It provides new details of how the group raised tens of millions of dollars and sought

clear and chemical bombs.

go on trial for murder charges stemming from the March attack. Nearly 400 other members of the sect have been arrested on charges stemming from that incident and other alleged

As the group expanded in the 1990s. swelling to as many as 50,000 followers in Japan and Russia, Mr. Asalowers hara repeatedly predicted that Armageddon, perhaps in the form of a U.S. attack on Japan, was likely to attack on Japan, was likely to occur by 1997 or 1998.

documents - recently seized by The group's bearded and partly Japanese police — indicating that it blind guru, Shoko Asahara, is about to expected such apocalyptic events to begin as early as November 1995. The report said Japanese government officials had told Senate investigators that they were concerned that the cult might have "decided to speed things by trying to start hostilities between Japan and the United States

But sometime last year, the Senate

report said, the group began preparing

The report said there was no evidence that the cult planned to try to disrupt the Osaka summit meeting, but it said the timing of the event "raises

### Offensive Empties **Tamil Stronghold** 100,000 Flee Jaffna City

COLOMBO — The Tamil Tiger stronghold of Jaffna city in northern Sri Lanka was alcivilians fled before advancing government troops, aid workers and army sources said.

The exodus, which began after troops overran the town of Neerveli, on the approach to Jaffna, marked a turning point in the army's campaign to recapture the Jaffna Peninsula, where the rebels run a virtual

ministate, army sources said. More than 100,000 guerrillas and civilians have fled the city of Jaffna over the last two days as the army approached, a senior Western relief worker said, "If

this goes on much longer Jaffna will be a ghost town," he said. The worker, quoting col-leagues in Jaffna, said that the Jaffna Teaching Hospital, reported earlier to be overflowing with rebel wounded, had been urgent broadcasts telling the evacuated of those who could walk, and that the area around the hospital was almost empty.

With regard to rebel military ever they could with them. activity, a senior army officer said: "Today's resistance was fairly minimal compared to yes-

the Tigers fleeing," the officer the strategic center of the added. "It is a very significant rebels' would-be homeland.

development.

guerrillas had an underground bunker complex and their airwing headquarters, he said.

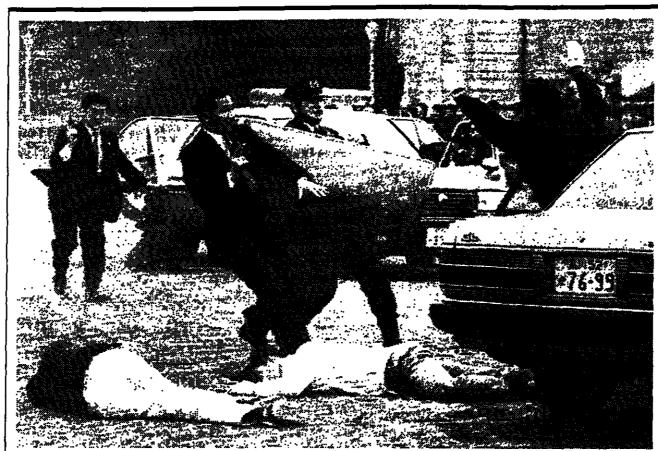
Three army divisions backed most deserted Tuesday after by tanks, artillery and air cover guerrillas and thousands of have been pushing south toward Jaffna on two axes from the government base at Palaly since Oct. 17. At least 700 rebels have been killed and more than 2.000 wounded in the offensive. The army said it had lost 179 men and that 640 have

been wounded. The offensive is the army's biggest against the Tamil guerrillas in 12 years of civil war, during which more than 50,000 people have been killed. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam are fighting for a homeland in the north and east.

Relief workers had said earlier that Tamils had panicked and were fleeing en masse from Jaffna as the armed forces approached. They said that the rebels' Tiger Radio had made people to evacuate as quickly as possible and that the people were responding, taking what-

A Western diplomat charting the army's movements said that one flank of the advance was within five and a half kilome-"This tallies with reports of ters of the outskirts of Jaffna,

"The roads are full, jam-Rebel resistance appeared to packed" with vehicles heading have crumbled Monday after east for Chavakachcheri, 16 troops captured Neerveli, 10 kilometers from Jaffna, a senior kilometers (six miles) northeast UN source said, citing reports of Jaffna's city center, where the from the rebel-held peninsula.



REHEARSAL - Japanese police staging a security drill Tuesday to prepare for an upcoming forum in Osaka.

### China Moves to Reopen U.S. Military Ties

BELJING — China called Tuesday for cooperation was essential to securing globpeace and stability.

Beijing suspended military exchanges with Washington in retaliation for the U.S. decision to allow a visit by President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan in June.

Senior military exchanges are scheduled to resume with the visit to Beijing in mid-November of the U.S. assistant secretary of state for defense, Joseph S. Nye Jr.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, said, "The Chinese and U.S. the resumption and improvement of Chinese-American military ties, saying closer erative relations and we would like to see the restoration and improvement of the

Mr. Shen's remarks followed a speech by Defense Secretary William J. Perry on Monday urging China to "send the right mes-' on security and to meet its responsibilities as an emerging world power.

The improvement of military cooperation was discussed at the recent meeting in New York between President Jiang Zemin

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overall bilateral relationship back on track amid U.S. reassurances about maintaining only unofficial links with Taiwan.

needed to prove its sincerity in seeking

crete steps to fulfill the serious pledges made in the meeting between the two presidents," he said, adding that cooperation "has its preconditions.

Referring to Mr. Perry's speech, Mr. Shen made it clear that Washington still

closer ties with Beijing.
"One point I would like to emphasize is that we hope the U.S. side will take con-

#### Jiang Set to Visit South Korea

### U.K. Support of A-Tests Derided

disappointed and perplexed by Mr. Major's endorsement.

HANOI - The official toll of AIDS-related deaths in Vietnam nearly doubled in October, reaching a total of 133 toward the end of the month, compared with just 70 at the end

had risen by 55, to 292, by late October.

#### McNamara Headed for Vietnam

who played a major role in the Vietnam War, is to pay his first postwar visit to the country next week to help arrange a

commander, General Vo Nguyen Giap, on Nov. 8, the Saigon Times Daily said. (AFP)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Rodolfo Severino, the undersecretary of foreign affairs of the Philippines, on asking the five nuclear powers to accept southeast Asia as a nuclear-free zone: "Definitely, we need the cooperation of the five. Otherwise, the treaty would be difficult to enforce."

forced labor in the Tarim Basin project financed by the World Bank nor siphoned its loans to support the construction of military facilities."

#### 'symbolic," an aide to Mr. Marcos. Ruben Torres. said. "The family of Sarah already indicated they will not appeal," Mr. Torres said. "I have already signed the statement that we are not appealing." However, the Philippine ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Roy Seneres, said he planned to meet with Emirates' officials over the next two days to see if there was a way to have the sentence waived or reduced. Mr. Seneres also said that Miss Balabagan's lawyer,

**Judge Details Punishment** 

AL AIN, United Arab Emirates - The United Arab

"The intervals of the lashes will depend on how much she

The three-judge court on Monday sentenced the maid

Emirates judge who sentenced a Filipino maid to 100 lashes

for killing her boss said that her pain threshold would

can bear. It could be 100 consecutive strokes or it could be

done in intervals," said Sheikh Biy'a ibn Saliq, the chief judge of the Islamic Sharia appeal court here.

Sarah Balabagan, to 100 lashes, a year in jail and deportation upon payment of 150,000 dirhams (\$41,000) in blood money to the family of the man she stabbed to death last year. Miss Balabagan was condemned to death last month for

killing her employer, Almas Mohammed Baloushi. The count rejected her claim that she had stabbed him 34 times in self-

She escaped death earlier this month when Mr. Baloushi's

family dropped its demand for her execution in exchange for blood money after the president of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan an Nahayan personally intervened

In the Philippines, relief at the sparing of Miss Balabagan from execution was replaced by shock as news emerged that the young maid would suffer physical punishment.

France asked the United Arab Emirates to spare Miss

Balabagan the 100 lashes, calling the punishment as "con-

Judge Saliq dampened hopes that Miss Balabagan would return to her village in the southern Philippines anytime

"We sentenced her to one year in prison and 100 lashes as a punishment," he said. "The sentence starts today." Re-

porters had been barred from the courtroom during the

sentencing on Monday.

Judge Saliq said that the caming could be carried out at any point during Miss Balabagan's year in prison in this casis.

"Usually these lashings are carried out in public in front of a mosque," he said. "But in this case, it will be done in the

A doctor and a court expert on lashing will attend the

A judicial source said that a policewoman would carry out

punishment 'to make sure it is being carried out to teach a lesson based on Islam," he said.

the lashings with a book tucked under her arm to limit the

force of the thin wooden cane.

"The lashing will be light," the source said. "It will be done to her back. A doctor will be present to make sure she

can withstand the pain. Sometimes they can strike with

be no appeal to try to save Miss Balabagan from the new

sentence, after assurances that the flogging would only be

In Manila, President Fidel V. Ramos decided there would

several canes at once to reduce the number of strokes."

determine how the punishment would be applied.

défense during a rape.

trary to our own customs.

and urged mercy.

Mohammed Amin, maintains that the court had erred in ordering her jailed for one year and not counting the 15 months she had already spent in jail.
Under United Arab Emirates' law, Miss Balabagan's

lawyers and the Philippines Embassy have 30 days to challenge the sentence in the federal high court in Abu Dhabi. which reviews whether lower court rulings were carried out (Reuters, AFP)

## SEOUL — President Jiang Zemin of China will visit South Korea in two weeks to discuss security on the Korean Peninsula, a presidential spokesman said Tuesday. It will be the first trip to Seoul by a Chinese head of state since diplomatic ties were established in 1992 and comes at a time of mounting tension between North and South Korea. During his five-day visit, which begins Nov. 13, Mr. Jiang will discuss security issues with President Kim Young Sam and address the National Assembly. (Reuters) and address the National Assembly.

#### HANOI - Robert S. McNamara, the secretary of defense

conference on the war, a news report said Tuesday.

He will meet with the former North Vietnamese military

march on India's Supreme Court to demand punishment for the killers of their relatives, who died in a pogrom following the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. (AFP)

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CANBERRA — The acting foreign minister of Australia said Tuesday that Prime Minister John Major of Britain should invite France to conduct nuclear tests in England.

Mr. Major endorsed the need for France's South Pacific test program during President Jacques Chirac's visit this week to Britain. Senator Bob McMular said Australia was disconsisted and previously Mr. Major and previously the McMular said Australia was

### Vietnam AIDS Toll Up Sharply

A national committee charged with fighting the disease issued the figures, quoted Tuesday by the union newspaper Lao Dong, which dubbed them "exceptional" but gave no explanation for the sudden rise. The number of AIDS patients

For the Record Some 300 Sikhs were arrested Tuesday as they sought to

Shen Guofang, the spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Beijing, in denying allegations by the Chinese-American human rights advocate Harry Wu: "China has neither used

## U.S. Will Negotiate To Placate Okinawa

lateral security agreement that military here.

dates to 1960.

crime go on trial next week.

26,000 American troops.

Perry said in an interview Tues-

with him from Washington.

he said Tuesday.

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objections of local citizens.

the Pentagon is willing to find a TOKYO - Hoping to avoid better way to work out addia rupture in relations, the Clin-

tional changes and address Okton administration is prepared inawans' concerns. to make new concessions to "I want a mechanism that Japan on scaling back the U.S. moves expeditiously and at military presence on Okinawa, higher levels "to make changes, Defense Secretary William J. Mr. Perry said. Among those changes might be a shifting of But, the secretary added: some U.S. troops from Okinawa "We are not proposing, we are not considering reducing the number of troops in Japan." to other parts of Japan, Mr. Pernot considering reducing the ry said. But several of his aides said Tuesday that there apsaid Tuesday that there ap-peared to be little chance of that The troops are the linchpin of U.S. security strategy in the happening in the near future be-Asia-Pacific region and the key cause of the expense to Japan.

#### Mr. Perry said the administration is determined to find ways of overcoming the antimilitary backlash triggered by the September rape of a 12-year-old girl on Okinawa. Three U.S. servicemen accused of the ime go on trial next week. The rape unleashed a torrent Prosecutors

of public protests against the intrusive American military presence on Okinawa, the tropical Japanese island that until 1972 was administered by the United States. Okinawa now is home to

day with reporters traveling appear at the prosecutor-gen-eral's office Wednesday morn-In remarks during a brief stop in Seattle on Monday, Mr. Perry said he believed the public furor over Okinawa and the resulting political pressure on has faced legal action in the Tokyo would not last long.
"I want to get it behind us,"

The United States agreed last week to a procedural change ed to take a very long time."

that would make it more likely Moon Young Ho, the prosethat an American accused of rape or murder would be turned quoted by the Yonhap news

military activities on Okinawa year term in 1993, was sumthat have been in the works moned after prosecutors found since 1990 to accommodate the gaps in the written account. which he submitted Monday, of Beyond that, Mr. Perry said, how he amassed the funds.

## A Gentlemen's Agreement Among British Booksellers Becomes Passé

By Sarah Lyali New York Times Service

LONDON - "Twenty-five percent off!" boasts the sign on the High Street bookshop, above an enormous pile of books. It is a common sight in the United States, which is why it is so startling to cent run of deplorable sales, said they were learn that before Oct. 1, bookstores in Great Britain were forbidden to sell books at reduced prices.

For close to 100 years, publishers and hooksellers have been bound by a gentleman's pact called the Net Book Agree-

If the system stifled competition based notoriously low anyway, "It's a fairly crazy n price, the thinking went, then at least it period being led by frenzied retail comon price, the thinking went, then at least it encouraged literary competition: the company that published the best (rather than the cheapest) books would win. But the system fell apart this fall when most of Britain's Books division of Random House U.K. freeing up most of the country's biggest-

selling titles for American-style deals. It happened just as the industry was entering its busiest period of the year, leadment, which allowed publishers to estabing up to Christmas, and retailers braced of their best-sellers, knowing that because of lish fixed minimum prices for their books. chaos in an industry whose margins are to increase sales to turn a profit

petition, which is what you would expect when the rules change overnight," said Simon Master, chairman of the General

The biggest bookseller chains - W.H. Smith, Waterstones and the Asda superpulling out of the Net Book Agreement, markets - immediately cut the prices on expected to sell in the entire season. their most popular current titles, including by Salman The Moor's Last Sigh," Rushdie, and "Enigma," by Robert Harris. And publishers began printing more copies

At the same time, book sales for a few discounted titles skyrocketed. The most impressive example was "Delia Smith's Winter Collection," a book of recipes by Britain's top television chef, which was alike and sold a reported 500,000 copies in one week - as many as its publisher had

Britain's 2,000 or so independent bookstores (about 1,000 stores belong to chains) have reacted with fear and, in some cuses, plucky promotions. In Bicester, Coles bookstore instituted a special weeklong deal: Each customer who bought a nondiscounted book received a can of Heinz baked beans.

led negotiating team is daunting

and perhaps impossible: to di-

vide Bosnia between the Mus-

the Serbs on the other in a way

that keeps the country unified

and provides the conditions for

60,000 NATO troops to police a

which is next door to a W.H. Smith's and near three big supermarkets that have bediscounted by chains and independent stores alike and sold a reported 500,000 copies in racks. "We decided that since they would orders and get better deals from publishers be selling discounted books, our customers should be able to get baked beans."

Forcing books to answer to the same market forces that govern other retail prod and the personal service his store offers ucts sounds like a boon to consumers, who . . . In the long term, customers will become in Britain have to pay upwards of \$25 for a nondiscounted hardcover book.

But booksellers who oppose the new discounting policy say it could actually ling books is not like buying malk."

three leaders and the American- made no effort to disguise their of the peace process. He also impartiality and objectivity

eign minister, Mohammed warned as he departed from Sacirbey, accused Mr. Milose-Belgrade that peace would

vic of ultimate responsibility come only with an agreement

deep distrust of each other even charged that Mr. Holbrooke on the talks.

position in the talks

was misrepresenting Bosnia's

for the slaughter of thousands that was fair to all sides, and tential war criminal who should of civilians in Bosnia, and said that he counted on the United be tried before an international

For his part, Mr. Milosevic

warned as he departed from ranking foreign officials, de-

"When the NBA fell, we decided we drive up prices, because publishers and would have to compete in the local price booksellers will charge more for their wars," said Jamie Cole, a clerk at the store. In nondiscounted titles to help pay for losses

on discounted books. Chain stores are faring better under the new system because they can place bigger

Kevin Ramage of the Owl Bookshop in London said he hoped that a book's price would prove less important than its content more price-conscious," he said. "But sa far, customers don't seem particularly mativated by price on an individual title. Buy



President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia waving as he leaves Sarajevo for peace talks in U.S.

**Ruling Party** 

ZAGREB, Croatia - Pres-

ident Franjo Tudjman's Croa-

tian Democratic Union won

elections for the Croatian Par-

liament, but it did not gain the

two-thirds majority it coveted in the wake of military victory.

unofficial returns showed Tues-

party had won 44.8 percent of

the vote Sunday.

A moderate opposition coalition led by the Peasant Parry

finished second with 18.4 per-

cent, while the main opposition Social Liberals sank to third at

mer Communists who were ousted from power by Mr. Tudiman's party in Croatia's

first free elections in 1990, won

9 percent. A batch of minor

tions nine months early to ex-

ploit Mr. Tudjman's status as a

national hero after he masterminded the blitzkrieg recapture

of Croatian territory from rebel

thwarted the plan by tapping into many voters' dismay with

Mr. Tudiman's cult of person-

ality and the privileges of an ruling party elite while many Croats are struggling to make ends meet under war austerity.

Western and independent

Croatian analysts said the pres-

ident wanted a two-thirds ma-

jorny to amend the constitu-

About two-thirds of 3.6 million eligible Croats voted in the first parliamentary election since 1992.

Mr. Tudiman was not a can-

didate, as the next presidential

election is in 1997.

opposition parties

The government called elec-

parties split the rest.

The Social Democrats, for-

11.6 percent.

Serbs.

With 99 percent of polling stations reporting, the state election commission said the

**Wins Vote** 

In Croatia

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### EU Sacks Top Official Over Tax

BRUSSELS - The European Commission decided on Tuesday to sack a top official who oversaw the transition toward a new value-added tax regime.

Peter Wilmott, the British director general of the customs and indirect taxation department, was felieved of his duties of a unanimous vote of the Commission, said Mario Monti, commissioner in charge of the European internal market. His departure appeared to be the result of sharp differences with Mr. Monti over a new VAT regime.

#### Bonn and Tokyo Agree Over UN

TOKYO — Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany and Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama of Japan agreed Tuesday that their countries, both economic powers, should cooperate in the United Nations to contribute to the well-

being of the world.

Mr. Kinkel told Mr. Murayama that "Japan and Germany took almost the same road after World War II and have acquired economic power."

#### Sweden to Expel Bomb Suspect

STOCKHOLM—The Swedish government said Tuesday it would expel a 39-year-old Algerian accused by France of being involved in sweden for the time being, the Swedish news agency TT reported.

The government ruled last week that the man. Abdelkrim Deneche, could not be extradited to France. (Reuters)

#### Clashes at Social Security Protest

BORDEAUX - About 2,500 demonstrators armed with iron bars and gasoline bombs clashed with the police during a protest of social security reform, leaving 28 people injured, the authorities said. At least 80 people were detained, they said. The protesters were members of an association of selfemployed merchants and artisans.

European Union events scheduled for Thursday:

WASHINGTON: The commissioner for external trade, Sir Leon Brittan, meets with the U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor.

HELSINKI: Transportation Commissioner Neil Kinnock

BELARUS and MOLDOVA: The commissioner for Eastern Europe, Hans van den Broek, visits until Nov. 3. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

### Clinton Plays Down House Vote on Bosnia Force

as they headed off to Dayton.

By Elaine Sciolino New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - As the United States prepared to open crucial negotiations on Wednesday to end the war in Bosnia, President Bill Clinton urged the warring parties to make peace even as he and his aides struggled to minimize the damage from the latest Congressional display of opposition to sending troops to police

an eventual peace. A day after the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to warn the administration that it should not even pledge to send American peacekeepers without permission of Congress, and Mr. Clinton's aides charged that the resolution would damage America's national security interests, Mr. Clinton shifted course, telling reporters that the House resolution would have no effect on the peace talks. He also reiterated that he would request Congressional approval before sending thousands of troops to join a NATO-led force.

As part of the administration's campaign to win over a dubious Congress, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher chief American negotiator, invited leading lawmakers to talk about the policy over breakfast. White House on Wednesday.

The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, who accused Mr. Clinton in a speech on Monday night of making foreign policy promises in secret, was not invited to the breakfast, although he will anend the meeting at the White House, his spokesman, Tony Blankley, said.

Mr. Clinton made his remarks to reporters after meeting with his chief foreign policy advisers, just nours defore three Balkan presidents - Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, Aliia Izetbegovic of Bosnia and Franjo Tudiman of Croatia were to arrive at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside Dayton, Ohio, where the openended talks will be held.

The challenge facing the

#### **Bombing Theory** Is Played Down By Azerbaijanis

Agence France-Presse

BAKU, Azerbaijan — The authorities in Azerbaijan on Tuesday played down but did not rule out reports that a bomb was responsible for the Baku underground train disaster that killed more than 300 people, the worst such incident in history.

State Security Minister Namig Abbasov discounted the bombing theory in the Saturday tragedy. "If there had been an explosion, then the dead would have had certain wounds, which were not found during the inquiry. he was quoted as saying by the news agency In-

Authorities initially blamed the disaster on a fire started by an electrical fault, but an investigator said on state television Monday that an explosion had ripped the train apart.

For now, the investigation is continuing under a criminal negligence statute that covers "violations in the rules of op-erating transport" but not acts of deliberate sabotage, according to the prosecutor's office.

Still. President Heydar A. Aliyev said he could not rule out the possibility of sabotage.

### Clinton Turns to Congress on UN Debt

The participants themselves the should never have been part. States to impose "a spirit of court,

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

lims and Croats on one side and from New York, Bosnia's for-

WASHINGTON - Stung by charges that the United States is the biggest deadbeat at the United Nations, the Clinton administration is offering Congress a larger role in approving U.S. participation in peacekeeping operations if Congress will put up the money to pay off overdue U.S. debts to the world body.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and other senior officials met last week with key Republicans to begin discussion of a three-part plan to pay off the approximately \$1 billion in unpaid dues and other U.S. arrears in exchange for guarantees of UN reforms and a greater congressional voice in peacekeeping.

The discussions represent a bipartisan and Richard C. Holbrooke, the effort to settle an issue that the White House, the State Department and Congress all agree needs resolving: As the United Nations' biggest debtor, the United States And Mr. Clinton said that he is losing influence with other members. would consult with the Con- Even close allies such as Britain used the gressional leadership at the occasion of the UN 50th anniversary ceremonies this month to flog Washington for

having what the British called "represen-tation without taxation" in the world million of the arrears each year; the ad-

Under the proposal, Congress would not have a veto over U.S. participation in UN peacekeeping missions. But the administration would consider setting up a standing committee or some other forum to give legislators the "opportunity to let us know" if they "really hate" an operation. an administration official said.

Members of Congress have complained repeatedly that the United States has approved expensive UN peacekeeping deployments such as those in Somalia and Cambodia, and then presented the bill for the U.S. share to Congress without giving lawmakers a chance to be heard in advance.

Mr. Christopher, Madeleine K. Albright. the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and Alice M. Rivlin, the White House budget director, assured legislators in the discussions that the administration would use the lure of the money to induce the United Nations to undertake administrative reforms, according to administration of-

Under the administration's plan, a senior

million of the arrears each year; the ad-

dents, Mr. Milosevic has been

spite the fact that the Bush ad-

ministration branded him a po-

ministration would use the phased repayment to ensure reforms were carried out. The initial response from the Republican legislators was cautious but not negative,

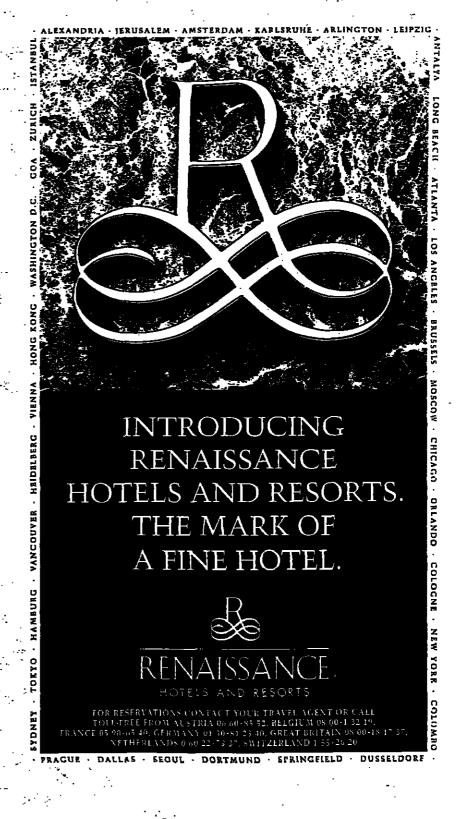
ongressional sources said. This is a legitimate and serious undertaking," a Republican staff aide said. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Reiblican of Kansas, and Representative Lee

H. Hamilton, Democrat of Indiana, have proposed a UN reform package aimed at reducing overall costs and giving members greater control over how the money is We would pare down the number of UN agencies and have only a handful, each serving a core function of the organiza-Mrs. Kassebaum said last week.

United Nations' image in the public's mind. In addition, she said, their plan would limit peacekeeping to situations in which "there is a solid peace to be kept" — that is, no more Somalias.

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had avoided taking sides during the

campaign, said the United States

looked forward "to continuing our

A British government statement

said: "We note the outcome of the

emplary international involvement

based on political and economic sta-

The French reaction was more mut-

## **Quebec Premier Blames Loss on 'Ethnic Vote'**

MONTREAL - Looking for scapegoats, a leading advocate of Quebec nationalism blamed high finance and what he called "the ethnic vote" for the narrow defeat of a referendum to separate the province from Canada.

The charge by the Quebec premier, Jacques Parizeau, drew an immediate rebuke from B'nai B'rith Canada, a Jewish anti-discrimination group, that demanded a retraction of remarks it said were "unfitting for a premier of a

"Parizeau's disdain for minority communities is extremely harmful, Frank Dimant, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith, said Tuesday.

The separatists lost by a narrow margin after a passionate campaign, causing Mr. Parizeau to announce his resignation. The backers of national unity carried the day with 50.6 percent, to 49.4 percent for the secession proposal. By a margin of barely 50,000 votes out of 4.67 million cast Monday, Canada

PARIS — President Jacques

Chirac of France pledged

friendship for both Canada and

Quebec on Tuesday in separate

Mr. Chirac assured Prime Minister Jean Chrétien of

while saying Paris would main-

tain close ties with French-

speaking Quebec.
Mr. Chirac reaffirmed

France's "position of nonindif-

ference and noninterference in

ine Colonna, a spokeswoman.

wished to "develop direct and

that a visit to Quebec was being planned by Prime Minister

The calls were made as For-

eign Minister Hervé de

Paris would scrupulously re-

privileged relations.

She said that he also pledged

France's friendship for Canada said.

calls to their leaders.

province, along with a quarter of its

'It's true we have been defeated," Mr. Parizeau said, "but basically by what? By money and the ethnic vote." The French Quebeckers, he said, "vot-

ed 'yes' by a margin of 60 percent." About 82 percent of Quebeckers are French-speaking. As expected, more than 9 in 10 of English-speaking and immigrant Quebeckers voted "no" they have traditionally felt excluded by the francophone majority.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, a Quebecker who campaigned to keep the province in Canada, went on national television to invite Mr. Parizeau to discuss reforms that would satisfy Ouebeckers.

"We have every reason to be proud of a democracy where citizens can peacefully debate the very existence of their country," Mr. Chrétien said. "The time has come for us to work together, to turn a new page.

France Reassures Both Sides

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in the 17th and 18th centuries.

of Quebec for generations and

generations, and I can assure

you we will keep maintaining

and developing the very warm

ties we enjoy with Quebec." he

message from the heart to our

dear cousins in this beautiful

province who had hoped for a

the people of Canada," Mr. de

Charette said, "with which we

"We are available to help

seek the best possible solu-

President Charles de Gaulle

"Vive le Québec libre"

Long Live Free Quebec - in

cliff-hanger referendum while bate, although former President disappointed. The 'beautiful

French leaders have mostly

positive result in the poll."

Canadian affairs" said Cather- its highest consideration to all

friendship for Quebec in a call enjoy close relations and which

to Premier Jacques Parizeau of may need our friendship even

Quebec, telling him that Paris more in the coming period."

harette told Parliament that 1967 on a visit to Montreal.

spect the results of Quebec's stayed out of the Quebec de-

maintaining traditional warm Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said

Mr. Chirac also confirmed tions," he added.

He said he was sending "a

"We have cared for the fate

But Mr. Parizeau was in no mood to was spared the loss of its largest compromise. "We lost by a tiny mar-

gin," he said to supporters at separatist a "strong and united Canada." White headquarters. "What do you do? Well, House officials said. Mr. Clinton, who you roll up your sleeves and you begin all over again.

Some of his followers took to the streets and there were clashes with the close relationship with all Canadians in police as they attempted to reach a night club where their opponents were holding a victory rally. A few people were injured and about 50 were ar- referendum. We value a strong, united

In one skirmish, five separatists were dragged away by the police bleeding and chanting: "We want a country. Quebec for Quebeckers."

The police said that the district of the police said the police said that the district of the police said th

country. Quebec for Quebeckers."

In Germany, a government statement said: "The voting result shows fice of Daniel Johnson, one of the printicular intervals of the demociple leaders of the anti-separatist cratic process in Canada. Canada is forces in Quebec, was badly damaged now in a position to follow its exby a fire.

The bitterness of the advocates of

separatism was matched to a large ex- bility without hindrance." tent by the relief of most of Canada's allies after finding that the proposition ed. reflecting its cultural and historical

Québécois and support and rec-

ognize the new situation" if

Front, Jean-Marie le Pen,

blamed the referendum's out-

grants who "chose the Anglo-

Saxon way of life in this old

swayed the scales," he said.

Michel Vauzelle, a former

Socialist justice minister, said,

diversity of cultures, it's the

sibility to speak one's own lan-

National Federation of the

French Press, said: "I'm very

Jean Miot, president of the

'It is sad because liberty is the

French province."

The leader of France's anti-

they chose independence.

"France sends a message of come on newly arrived immi-

chilled ties with Canada for choice possible between differ-

nearly two decades by crying ent cultural models, it's the pos-

guage.

attachment to Quebec as a former President Bill Clinton telephoned colony and member of the francophone Mr. Chrétien to express his support for community.

#### How the Tally Breaks Down

MONTREAL — Opponents of Quebec secession won 50.56 percent of the vote in Monday's referendum, compared with 49.44 percent taken by the separatists, according to preliminary official results.

A spokeswoman for Quebec's chief electoral officer said 2,360,714 people voted against sovereignty while 2,308,266 voted in favor. More than 86,330 ballots, or 1.82 percent of the votes cast, were declared invalid. More than 93 percent of eligible voters cast ballots.

In May 1980 a similar proposal was defeated by a much larger margin. With 84.3 percent of eligible voters taking part, 2,140,814, or 58.2 percent. voted against separation, and 1,475,509, or 41.8 percent, supported the proposal to secede.

#### OUEBEC: Narrow Vote Bodes Ill

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make "the changes that are needed." The vague vow probably changed few votes among those who backed separation, the cliff last night." but it triggered resentment in much of western Canada.

It committed Mr. Chretien to deliver something Quebec is federal system because it dovenot likely to accept and some- tails - paradoxically, some thing for which there is little or would say - with the Quebec no political support in the rest nationalist agenda. The Reof Canada. Mr. Chretien thus formers and the Quebec gov. not only faces an assault from ernment seek a radical devo-Mr. Bouchard and the Bloc lution of federal power to the Québécois, the official oppo- provincial level, a trend that sition in the Commons, but many fear would weaken the from Preston Manning and the fabric of Canadian unity. conservative Reform Party should he try to accommodate Chretien and the Liberal Party

said: "This country came very close to breaking up last night. and it got there by his misman-agement of the federal case."

Mr. Manning called Mr. that was above 60 percent only a Chrétien's conciliatory re-

In the two years since Mr. took power, the most politically Ouebec's demands. took power, the most politically on Tuesday, Mr. Manning costly deficit cutting and debt reduction has been put off until after the referendum. The prime minister enjoyed a long honeymoon and unusual popularity

marks to the nation Monday

night "pathetic and tragic" and "another stream of meaning. less cliches, just like the cliches

that got this country to edge of

The Reform Party agenda is a

particular threat to the govern-

ing Liberal Party and to the

#### POISON: The Flavor of Danger

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soaring to more than \$40 a pound. Both the fishing indusry and the market are primarily based in Hong Kong, according to the report, although, it says, other countries are also increasingly involved in fishing, trading or importing live reef fish.

These include China, Taiwan, Singapore and Japan. The tragedy."
authors based their conclusions The reefs are the largest authors based their conclusions on observations and interviews in nine countries.

In a statement, the Hong Kong Agriculture and Fisheries of widespread reef destruction warming climate, pollution, "is anecdotal and without ver-ification through survey." The struction, but the trade in live authors wrote that while the underwater surveys required to determine the precise extent of damage are prohibitively expaints an alarming picture."

capture of reef fish "is a le- of southeast Asia. gitimate exploitation of a marine resource" whose regulagovernments where the fishing grounds are situated. eating very highly priced fish in public." grounds are situated.

knowledged what he termed slip to September 1996."
"enormous obstacles," but he Mr. Cohen, stressing that he

fast as possible and hoping to see rather than as a France Telecom

is that we will achieve the re- the company is profitable.

change in statute will probably tributed to this article.

TELECOM: France Pushes Privatization Plan

It said that Hong Kong fishermen rarely fish illegally in other countries' waters, adding that the live fish business in Hong Kong is sustained by "legitimate trade between local reef fishing communities and Hong Kong traders."

But the report says the destruction of the coral reefs is "a vast and expanding ecological

structures created by life. Their richness compares with that of tropical rain forests.

They have come under as-Department said the evidence sault in many places from a reef fish appears especially destructive.

It has long been a popular Chinese custom to keep fish pensive, "the information we alive until moments before have obtained nevertheless cooking, the authors write. But paints an alarming picture." demand has recently been The statement by the Hong Kong agency said that while reports of reef destruction by cyanide are "regrettable," the rapidly expanding economies of reef fish this a least three reports.

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Tom Buerkle in Brussels con-



maintaining traditional warm Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said province' has not got its 'beauties with the province, which France "must take into account tiful country," at least not yet."

Premier Parizeau showing his supporters in Quebec how close they came to secession.

## NATO:

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European Union, the defense arm of the European Union. On trans-Atlantic issues, Mr. rope - where he is credited would be presented in parlia- at the National Center for Sci- pension problems as easier than

and in Washington. ment, the Netherlands shed its from state entity to a corporeputation as a vacillating, al- ration by June 1996, or at the most pacifist ally, becoming an latest by the end of the year. advocate of NATO to ensure continued U.S. engagement in said an unofficial inter-minis-

Europe. On the verge of being chosen to head the European Commission last year, he was vetoed by budget, industry and telecom-Mr. Kohl because of reservations voiced by Mr. Lubbers about German reunification in 1990.

Bonn's endorsement this time, a day after similar statements by Britain and France, seemed to ensure Mr. Lubbers' victory. No date has been set for the formal appointment, but barring a last-minute hitch, the officials said that Mr. Lubbers could be at work this month.

His closest rival. Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, 53, the former Danish foreign minister, was blocked by France, which objected to Copenhagen's vehement hostility to French nuclear

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen, despite his defense expertise, was narrowly beaten out a year ago when Mr. Lubbers was still unacceptable to Bonn — by Willy Claes, who was forced to resign last month because of a Belgian political scandal.

#### Task for Lubbers Continued from Page 1

chief executive — Michel Bon stressed "we are aiming to go as was speaking as an economist

— to run the company.

In the interview Tuesday, the the first stage of liberalization board member, said he consid-French government official completed by next summer." said the first draft law to dereg- Elie Cohen, a member of the France Telecom into a corpo-Lubbers enjoys stature in Eu- ulate the telecoms market group's board and an economist ration and the solving of its with piloting the Maastricht ment early next year. He said he entific Research said, "My view most people assumed because treaty through its final shoals - hoped to see a separate law nd in Washington.

Under the Lubbers govern
paving the way for the transformation of France Telecom

> Government sources also terial commission, consisting of representatives from France Telecom and from the finance, munications ministries, was quietly trying to resolve some the most contentious issues tied to liberalizing the market and

> privatizing France Telecom. Among the issues being ex-amined by the commission is a plan for the government and France Telecom to divide responsibility for 100 billion francs (\$20.44 billion) of pension liabilities. In Brussels on Monday, the EU competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert, indicated that he would not seek

> to block such a plan. Another hot potato is the issue of how to change the status of France Telecom workers from civil servants who cannot be fired to private-sector workers.

militancy against any privatiza- rather than internal EU currention plans, the company was cy turmoil it said. struck by 65 percent of its 153,000-strong work force.

DNA comparisons.

Last May, in an example of

**EUROPE:** Devaluers Pardoned Continued from Page 1

Thibault de Silguy, the economic affairs commissioner who helped write the report. We must have a single currency to put a full stop to cur-

forms, although I think the

rency fluctuations," Mr. de Silguy said at a news conference. The commission report acknowledged the economic damage wreaked by the sharp devaluations in the past three vears, which have seen the Italian lira drop 31 percent against the Deutsche mark, the Swedish krona 27 percent, the

Spanish peseta 24 percent and the British pound 18 percent. The report said growth in the 15 countries of the Union would be between one-quarter and one-half point below the 3.1 percent rate forecast back in May

Some of the decline stems from the weakness of the dollar

The report also provided the first comprehensive look at Europe's single market. "The In a conversation Tuesday, how hard- and soft-currency virtues of the Maastricht apthe government official ac- countries have fared econom- proach are working." he said-

ically in recent years, including the price Germany has paid for

having a strong mark. From 1987 to 1995, Germany's unit labor costs have increased by 20 percent compared with the EU average, the report found, and Germany's share of EU exports has fallen by 6.7 percentage points from 1987 to 1994, to 24.3 percent. France's cost competitiveness

risen 2 percentage points, to 17 percent. Among devaluing countries. the report found that Britain has had no overall change in competitiveness as inflation has offset the advantages of depreciation, and that Italy and Sweden scored gains while Spain's

has been steady over the period

while its share of exports has

competitiveness declined. The devaluers suffered less inflation than expected because of their efforts to meet the single-currency criteria, said Mario Monti, commissioner for

### GENE: Scientists Confirm a Biological Disposition to Homosexuality

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depression and schizophrenia. But scientists were unable to confirm those results in follow-

Thus replication became the stitute for Biomedical Research including Mr. Hamer's, set out another group of families with the initial findings.
A neurologist, George Ebers,

methodology to test 42 pairs of gay brothers and found no consistent pattern of DNA simi-

science all the time. The way to males have two Xs; males have same characteristic DNA markhereditary causes for conditions resolve them is to get more da- an X and a Y. Men always get ers 67 percent of the time. as diverse as alcoholism, manic ta." He said he was "totally their Y from their fathers and persuaded" homosexuality was "biologically determined."

Previous studies had indicated the persuaded persuaded Previous studies had indicated persuaded per

Mr. Hamer and colleagues at ed that gay men tend to have siblings," with the same markup experiments, and numerous early claims were retracted.

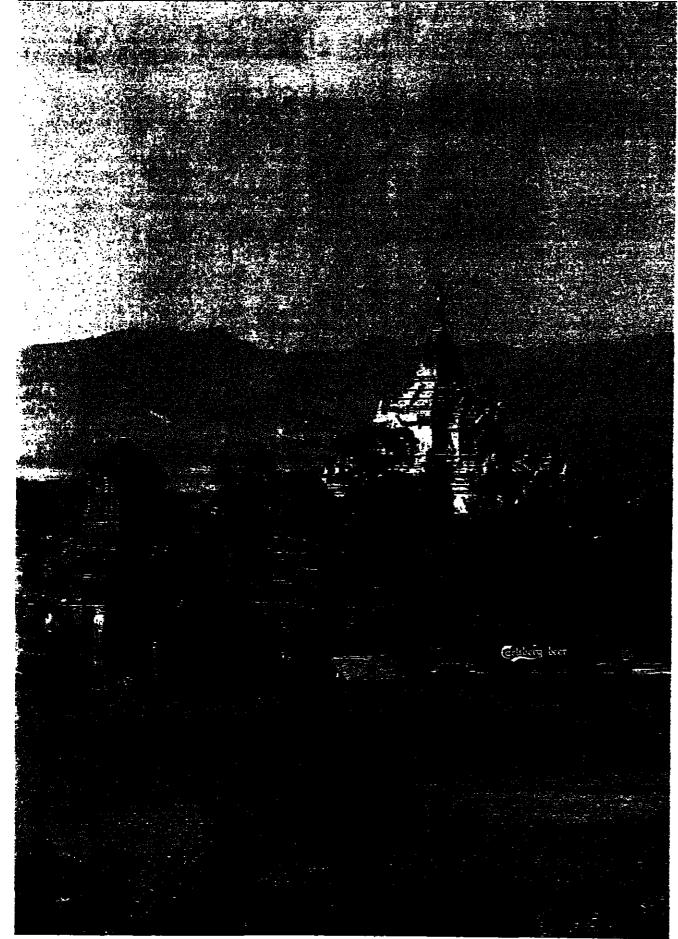
NCI, the University of Colorado and the Whitehead Inmother's side of the family than As in the first study, the like-Thus replication became the paramount concern. Many labs. in Cambridge, Mass., recruited in Cambridge, Mass., recruited searchers reasoned, if predistant of predistance is position to homosexuality is in- about 1 in 200. to see if they could reproduce gay brothers — as well as families with pairs of gay sisters — X chromosome. Men have a 50 that were unrelated either to percent chance of inheriting ei- explanation." the researchers and colleagues from the Uni- each other or to the families in ther of the mother's two Xs. If write, is that the Xq28 segment versity of Western Ontario announced in February that they took blood samples from then gay men in a family should in men but not in women. had used Mr. Hamer's basic heterosexual brothers in the be much more likely to have gay-brother families to use for one version; their heterosexual What they were looking for likely to have the other.

week. These things happen in sex-related chromosomes. Fe- brothers, on average, had the most of the heterosexual brothers had different Xq28 Previous studies had indicat- markers from their homosexual

> But lesbian sisters showed 1999 such correlation. The "simplest "influences sexual orientation

The research by Mr. Hamer's group has yet to identify spesiblings should be much more cific candidate genes in the X larities on the X chromosome.

"The reason for that is not obvious." Mr. Ebers said last chromosome, one of the two obvious. The reason for that is not obvious. The reason for the reason for that is not obvious. The reason for that is not obvious. The reason for t



Probably the best been in the world.

Over U.S. Embassy
Vote on Jerusalem Shift Rouses Mideast to Anger

> By Douglas Jehl New York Times Service

CAIRO - While early reaction to the vote in Congress last week to move the U.S. Emlast week to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem was muted, the strong criticisms now being voiced from Egypt to Kuwait show that the voice in the strong criticisms at issue mat arrects one-fifth of the world's population," declared Sheik Gad Haq Ali Gad Haq, who heads the 1,000-year-old Azhar Isbeing seen as a new example of American ill will.

With varying intensity.

A threat of retaliation was issued on Sunday by a militant

With varying intensity, issued on Sunday by a militant friends and foes of the United Islamic group called Vanguards States in the Arab world have of Conquest, which warned that portrayed the call as an unforit intended to strike at Amertunate sign that America is not even-handed when it comes to what it called the vote by "cowpeace in the Middle East.

beace in the Middle East.

Israel considers the entire city of Jerusalem its capital, including the eastern sector that was captured from Jordan in the

But the Palestine Liberation Organization sees Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

The congressional resolution does not require that the embassy be moved from Tel Aviv until 1999, and it has been strongly criticized as an obstacle to peace talks by the Clinton administration, which could delay the move.

But if the effect of the conmostly symbolic, that has not American action.

kept it from raising loud alarms among Arabs, for whom Al Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem is Islam's third-holiest site.

'This is an issue that affects to Kuwait show that the vote is lamic institution here, a bastion

appeared guarded in their initial responses to the vote.

But after Islamic leaders and Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, called attention to the action, even strong American allies, including President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, have end-ed their public silence to join in the condemnation.

Among other Arab governments that have criticized the move are Syria, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, whose cabinet on Sunday issued a stategressional action is likely to be ment expressing regret at the



Ali Akbar Nateq Nouri during an interview in Vienna.

### Iran Backs Off on Rushdie

VIENNA — Iran will not send assassins to carry out a death edict against the author Salman Rushdie, but it will never give the pledge in writing because it would hurt the country's honor, a top Iranian official says.

Ali Akbar Nateq Nouri, a senior Shiite Muslim cleric and

president of the Iranian Parliament, said he had been the first to vow his country would not send death squads to murder the controversial British author.

"I confirm today that the Islamic Republic of Iran will not send a death squad to kill Rushdie," said Mr. Nateq Nouri, who is scheduled to become Iran's next president after the current leader. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, steps down in

### Yeltsin Joins Electoral Dispute He Asks Why 2 Parties Were Barred

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By David Hoffman Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - President demanded an explanation Friday from Russia's Central Electiheir oral consent. tion Commission for its deciparliamentary election cam-

television to say that Mr. Yeltsin felt better. The president has been isolated from all but his family and bodyguards since suffering renewed heart troubles last week.

The statement on the campaign issued by Mr. Yeltsin's press office was his first reaction to a furor that began Sunday when the election commission announced that it would not certify for the ballot the reform party Yabloko and the nationalist party Derzhava. The panel's decision, appar-

ently based on a technicality, touched off a firestorm of

In a statement Tuesday, Mr. Yeltsin demanded to know whether any of the electoral blocs had violated the rules, but he stopped short of denouncing the action, as did Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin and others.

Grigori Yavlinsky, the economist and popular politi-cian who heads Yabloko, said that he intended to appeal to the Supreme Court on Wednesday. He told a group of businessmen that at first he thought the disqualification was "typical Soviet-style bureaucratic abuse, which has always led to violations of the law.

But he added, "I have received further evidence that these actions were planned in advance" and that rival parties were asked to submit documents to discredit our bloc." Mr. Yavlinsky refused to provide further details, saying they would be brought out in the court case. Another leader of Yabloko, party was barred, he would urge international election monitors Dec. 17 elections.

In the case of Yabloko, the ident Alexander V. Rutskoi, al-15-member commission based so intends to appeal. its disqualification on the par-

Meanwhile, Mr. Yeltsin rety's failure to obtain written mained hospitalized, suffering Boris N. Yeltsin, hospitalized consent from six candidates from acute ischemia, a condiand still out of public view, who were removed from the tion that restricts the flow of party list. Yabloko said it had blood to the heart. In the rare television interview, Mr. Yeltsin's wife,

Specialists in election procesion to bar two parties from the dures said that the party's error Naina, seemed to be trying to may have technically violated a reassure the country that he was paign, including the country's rule, but not the law, and that the not gravely ill. Earlier Tuesday, most popular reformist party. sanctions for such violations she was quoted by the Har-1 ass

At the same time, Mr. were entirely up to the com
news agency as saving, "I can

tell you with a sense of relief Yeltsin's wife, Nina, made a mission, which is nominally in-tell you with a sense of relief highly unusual appearance on dependent but heavily weighted that Boris Nikolayevich is feeling better." She added, "We The nationalist Derzhava don't need to talk about his beparty, led by former Vice Pres- ing incapable."

AIDS Drug In 5-10 Years?

Agence France-Presse BONN - The deadly AIDS virus can perhaps be treated in five to 10 years through several drugs that will eventually give those stricken with the deadly disease a normal life expectancy, Peter Piot, a World Health Organization expert, said Tuesday.

"Patients would take three to four drugs together all of their life and I guarantee you that in five to 10 years we will find the right drugs needed for that purpose," he said in a Berlin radio interview.

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### Terry Southern, Screenwriter, Dies at 71

By Eric Pace

NEW YORK - Terry Southern, 71, a novelist and screenwriter whose credits included "Dr. Strangelove" and "Easy Rider," two films that crystallized the anger and unease of the 1960s, died here Sunday of respiratory failure. He lived in East Canaan, Connecticut.

military folly that ends in Armageddon. Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, Keenan Wynn and Slim Pickens

13 Mr. Southern collapsed on Wednesday while on his way to teach a class on screenwriting at Columbia University.

Mr. Southern spelled out his artistic credo in an interview in 1964. "The important two drug-fueled dropouts who travel cross-thing in writing," he said, "is the capacity to astonish. Not shock — shock is a wornout word — but astonish. The world has no grounds whatever for complacency. The grounds whatever for complacency. The Titanic couldn't sink, but it did. Where you find smugness, you find something worth blasting. I want to blast it."

the two screenplays that brought him and his co-writers Academy Award nominations. He was a co-author, with Stanley

Waugh's sendup of the funeral industry; "The Cincinnati Kid" (1965), starring Steve McQueen and Edward G. Robinson anti-nuclear satire "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love turing a lightly clad Jane Fonda. the Bomb" (1964), a black comedy about

In "Easy Rider" (1969), Mr. Southern and two of the film's stars, Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper, created a screenplay about

The other screenplays of which he was the author or a co-author included "The

Kubrick and Peter George, of the biting in a duel at the poker table, and "Barbarella" (1968), a science-fiction tale fea-

Mr. Southern's books included the novel "Candy," which he wrote jointly with Mason Hoffenberg. It was published in 1958 by Olympia Press in Paris under the seudonym Maxwell Kenton, and then, in Vladimir Lukin, said that if the 1964, in the United States, where it quickly achieved notoriety as a raunchy best-seller, with Mr. Southern and Mr. Hoffenberg not to come to Russia for the

listed as its co-authors.

"Candy" describes the odd generosity, in sexual matters, of an innocent girl who is looking for her father. The book, a parody of Voltaire's "Candide," was made into a 1968 movie with a script by Buck Henry the author or a co-author included "The and starred, among others, Richard Burton asting. I want to blast it."

Loved One" (1965), which he and Christo- and Ringo Starr. He also wrote "The Magher Phe pursued those aims most notably in pher Isherwood adapted from Evelyn ic Christian" and "Flash and Filigree."

### Notorious Argentine Guerrilla Captured

By Calvin Sims

New York Times Service BUENOS AIRES - The leader of one of Latin America's most notorious guerrilla groups was captured in Mexico City on Saturday and extradited on Sunday night to Argentina. He is wanted here for various crimes, including masterminding a 1989 assault on an army

The guerrilla, Enrique Haroldo Gorriaran Merlo, who had been at large for 25 years, arrived at the El Palomar military base here on a government plane Sunday night and was taken to the central Federal Police station under heavy security. Argentine authorities said.

was head of the left-wing Peo-

PORT HARCOURT, Nigeria — A special Nigerian mil-

itary court on Tuesday sen-

tenced an Ogoni minority rights

leader. Ken Saro-Wiwa, and

three others to death for mur-

that Mr. Saro-Wiwa and the

three other leaders of his Move-

ment for the Survival of Ogoni

Peoples should hang for the

murder in May last year of four

moderate leaders of the oil-pro-

"I was found guilty even be-fore I was tried," declared a

defiant but frail looking Mr.

Saro-Wiwa, who has been in

detention since his arrest after

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Judge Ibrahim Auta ruled who were tried on the same

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ical of the leftists guerrilla groups in Argentina.

Argentine intelligence officials said that the group was responsible for the deaths of at least 700 people in addition to scores of attacks on police and

Nicaraguan dictator, Anastasio Somoza Debayle, in his Paraguayan exile in 1980, and he has been linked with other terrorist attacks throughout Latin

ple's Revolutionary Army. It is government then immediately military gave up power in widely considered the most rad-granted his extradition. He is 1983. expected to appear before a In a television interview with

> murder charges. Under a presidential amnesty riaran Merlo told how he issued by Carlos Saúl Menem in planned and carried out the op-1989, the guerrillas and military eration to kill Mr. Somoza.

judge sometime this week on Argentine journalists from a secret location in May, Mr. Gor-

"There were eight of us, and guerrilla leader said. Then, re-But Argentine authorities ferring to another guerrilla, he said that the amnesty did not apply to crimes committed by into him and Hugo Irurzán let Mr. Gorriaran Merlo after the him have it with a bazooka."

#### men accused of killings and tor-ture during Argentina's "dirty war" of the 1970s cannot be "There were eight of us, and we tricked the police into telling us where he lived." the military posts, kidnappings and prosecuted for their crimes. Mr. Gorriaran Merlo has adbarracks in which 40 people mitted assassinating a former were killed and 100 wounded.

Mexican and Argentine agents of Interpol arrested Mr. Gorriaran Merio in Mexico City late Saturday, after a war-Mr. Gorriaran Merlo, 54, rant had been issued by an Argentine court. The Mexican

One defendant was set free

by the court in the southeast oil

city of Port Harcourt, where

special security measures were

in place for the verdict. The same court on Monday passed

death sentences on five other

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### **El Salvador Slow to Implement Reforms**

Los Angeles Times missed its deadline Tuesday for completing the unrest.

reforms promised in the treaty, according to the UN mission overseeing implementation. The UN report confirms what almost weekly demonstrations in the capital and land seizures in the provinces have indicated: The government is behind in its commitment to give land to former

conflict. Nearly a fourth of the former combatants have not received their land, the United Nations found. The report also determined that rural housing Dec. 31 for land distribution and to April 30 for programs for war refugees were even further

soldiers and guerrillas, who fought in the 12-year

behind than the land distribution. The govern-SAN SALVADOR — Three years after the ment's failure to meet its commitments has prosigning of a peace agreement that ended more voked concerns among politicians and religious than a decade of civil war, the government leaders that rising impatience could cause social

Earlier in October, former combatants occupied a government building and took employees hostage to demand that the government

distribute land and death benefits to survivors. The police have dispersed squatters on various occasions, and many Salvadorans worry that violent confrontations could occur. A legislative proposal of jail sentences for people involved in land seizures created a public outcry.

The United Nations has extended deadlines to projects to provide homes for war refugees.

#### **AMERICAN TOPICS**

#### Dry Cleaners Come Up With an Idea: Water Is Better (and Safer, Too)

Increasingly, companies that clean clothing are switching from dry to wet, from perchloroethylene, the dry-cleaning solvent used for decades to wash delicate fabrics, to nature's universal solvent, water,

The New York Times reports. The switch has been prompted by rising indi-cations that perchloroethylene can raise the risk of cancer in laundry workers.

Self-styled "green cleaners" in the United States and Europe use sophisticated machines that mimic the gentle sloshing of hand washing. Heat is monitored to avoid shrinkage. The cleaned garments smell like cloth instead of like solvent.

Advocates say the method can be used on almost any garment except furs and those colored with water-soluble dyes, like certain Madras prints.

Neal Milch, who manufactures water-based washing and drying equipment, predicts that the cleaning industry in the United States will be transformed within a few years, with most cleaners becoming primarily water-based, sending the most delicate garments away to centralized dry-cleaning oper-

He and other wet-clean advocates have asked the Federal Trade Commission change the wording on required labels of nonwashable garments from ' clean only" to "professionally clean only."

#### **Short Takes**

Do the police need a search warrant to enter the cardboard home of someone living on the sidewalk? Reaching into one such box, the police found clothing stolen from a Los Angeles store. The dweller claimed his right to privacy had been violated. But a

California state appeals court ruled that a person who occupies a temporary shelter on public property without permission and in violation of an ordinance prohibiting sidewalk blockages is a trespasser" and subject to immediate expulsion.

Soap operas have less and less to do with reality, notes James Barron in The New York Times. Many such series are set in New York, where "everyone has working fireplaces that are always going." To reflect the reality of life in New York, he notes, fake fireplaces would be much more genuine.

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## Pat Buchanan thought and he furned markable impact on the Repulican Party's and he called Colin Powell the meanest

### A Mistake in Russia

by severe health problems and Russia entering its most important electoral season since the Bolshevik Revolution, the future of Russian democracy depends heavily on the performance of new institutions unpracticed in the ways of multiparty democracy. On Sunday, one such institution, the Central Election Commission, threatened to make December's parliamentary elections meaningless by knocking the country's largest reform party off the ballot on a petty technicality. Much of the damage can still be undone if another fledgling institution, the supreme court, overturns the Election Commission's decision. Rival parties condemned the ruling. They understand better than the commissioners that an election rigged against one of the main contenders can have no winners.

Opinion polls showed the excluded party, Yabloko, tied with the Communists at the head of the electoral pack, with each party attracting about 14 percent of the vote in a crowded field. That would be enough to assure Yabloko a leading role in the new Parliament, especially if it could form a coalition with like-minded parties. Yabloko's leader, Grigori Yavlinsky, is also a front-runner in Russia's presidential

election, scheduled for next June. More than a million voters signed

With President Boris Yeltsin sidelined Yabloko's petitions. The party had also signed up more than 200 candidates for the 225 party-based seats in Parliament. Six of those candidates, from remote regions, later withdrew. When their withdrawal letters failed to reach Moscow before the official deadline, the entire party slate was struck from the ballot.

Speculation is rife about Mr. Yeltsin's possible role, given the fact that the commission's chairman is his appointee. Was this a Yeltsin-inspired maneuver to eliminate Yabloko, his main rival on the reform side? Or was it a case of hard-liners in Mr. Yeltsin's entourage taking advantage of his temporary physical incapacity? Even if the supreme court reverses the ruling, as now seems likely, suspicions of this sort could set back Russia's democratic development.

Russian democracy has not had a very high reputation in the past, abroad or at home. But times have changed, and no party today can hope to impose its rule in the style of the old Communist dictatorship. Russia's next government will not have the authority to make difficult economic and diplomatic decisions unless the Russian people believe that it won its mandate fairly. That requires Yabloko's return to the ballot.

### With China, Keep a Cool Eye on Economic Interest ue of the technology transferred, and the Such talk only provokes Beijing to more

BEUING — What are America's national interests in its relationship with China? So far there is scant sign of a coherent and hardheaded policy.

On the one hand there is the usual pleading from special interest groups, be they aircraft salesmen, Taiwan loyalists or human rights activists. At the broader level there is a vague idea that better relations with Beijing are a good thing; this can mean trying to skirt issues where U.S. interests are at odds with Beijing.
At the State Department, much of the

China foreign policy establishment seems to believe that there is some sort of "special relationship' with China. This group identifies avoidance of Chinese hostility and an expectation of being able to influence China as the dominant U.S. interest, if necessary overriding economic interests or relations with other countries. It favors the general maintenance of good relations as an end in itself.

Even an excellent recent Rand analysis for the secretary of defense, "China: Domestic Change and Foreign Policy," concluded: "Strong, public U.S. pressures on China in a variety of areas could greatly increase the likelihood of strongly anti-Western conservative nationalists gaining control of the Chinese political system." The analysis urges closer economic

and military links to minimize this risk. The Rand view probably overstates the influence that America has on China. But portunities forgone elsewhere, the true val-

By Philip Bowring

its real problem is that by definition it

tends to inhibit action on specifics. In the manner of the master, Henry Kissinger, foreign policy is conceived in grand strategic terms that demote economics to the footnotes. Yet if economic self-interest were firmly at the core of the U.S. position on China, the United States would not be, via its trade deficit approaching \$40 billion annually, the principal external contributor to Chinese growth.

No one should begrudge China its economic successes, nor the attractions of an economy growing by 8 percent a year. But U.S. official complaisance on trade is astonishing. The deficit is written off as an inevitable consequence of China's competitiveness in certain products, or as a result of the transfer of former Taiwan and Hong Kong surpluses, or as simply part of a global U.S. trade problem. At times it is even explained as the price the United States must pay to convert China to the merits of the market.

The bottom line is that China so far enjoys almost all the advantages of a WTO member without the obligations. It is up to businesses to decide whether they can ever make good returns out of the billion-people market after considering the hidden costs, piracy of brand names, opprospects of eventually repatriating their profits. Private risk should be just that.

Public policy for America should be to protect its overall economic interests, which means acting to divert import sourcing to nations, in Asia and Latin America, with more open markets and closer linkages with the United States.

Forcing the issue of placing the U.S. trade relationship with China on a more equal footing would be painful in the short term but would help the whole relationship. The United States has a general interest in Chinese economic growth and political stability, but so it does in Brazil, Russia, South Africa etc. There should be nothing special, for or against, in the China relationship.

A healthier relationship should have been the result of the (correct) decision to de-link trade and human rights. While human rights are a legitimate U.S. concern in China as elsewhere, their absence does not specifically threaten U.S. interests as a \$40 billion trade deficit does.

The United States has a moral commitment to help Taiwan defend itself, and to let Taiwanese visit America in unofficial capacities. But there is no reason to buy into cross-straits rows about the nature of One China, any more than there is to court Chinese anger by backing Taiwan's UN admission.

The U.S. obligations to Taiwan have nothing to do with "containing" China.

nationalist positions.

That does not mean that the United States should avoid reasoned opposition to the more extreme parts of China's South China Sea claims, which so concern America's other (and closer) allies in the region and threaten its own navigation rights. Nor does it mean going slow on the long delayed rapprochement with Vietnam because of Beijing's suspicions of American motives.

It does mean, however, that the United States should moderate its global moral policeman role and acknowledge that China has legitimate, nonexpansionist interests in its relations with such countries as Pakistan and Iran.

Beijing may be using rocket and nuclear plant sales as bargaining chips in its dealings with the United States. If so. Washington is being gullible, sacrificing selfinterest to selective and doomed crusades.

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America should spell out more clearly its own interests and aims, and pursue them with the same diligence as do the Chinese. Perhaps the best way to start would be, as the British have found in Hong Kong, to take policy out of the hands of the China experts with emotional or career commitments to one side or other of China issues, and treat China as what it is: a country like any other except for its size - a little bigger than India. International Herald Tribune.

### Focus Intelligence

Republican Turmoil

American spy agencies for a bigger place in the post-Cold War world. This month it came out that the CIA had eavesdropped on Japan in auto talks some months ago (and then bragged about it, claiming what were described as "secret successes"). Now the Defense Department is reported — by the House Intelligence Committee, no less — to be extending espionage abroad under phony commercial cover. It seems that the CIA is trying to get a new life, and that the Pentagon is moving in on a civilian agency still reeling from the Aldrich Ames mole case and other em-

Outsiders cannot speak with full confidence on these matters. What the public has learned in the past, however, indicates that separate or uncoordinated intelligence operations in, say, terrorism and weapons proliferation (fields of particular Pentagon interest) too often pass each other by or get in each other's way. Lapses can still persist

when the emphasis shifts. Many see an economic focus as smart for an intelligence community that is straining for relevance not just in an increasingly competitive world economy but also in an increasingly competitive U.S. budget. But is this really so? Economics brims with publicly available information and private sector expertise, not to mention the considerable resources of Treasury, State, Commerce and other agencies of the

U.S. government. The CIA's special niche, of course, is secret information. But pursuing a foreign company's or government's trade, tech-

name he could conjure. This general ev-

eryone is so crazy about, he said, is nothing but a "Bill Clintonite." Mayor

Rudolph Giuliani of New York was more

analytical in his comments on the David

Brinkley show. He said that General

Powell's entry into the Republican pres-

idential primaries would broaden the

He is right, of course, and that is what has made Mr. Buchanan so testy and Bob

Dole's handlers so resistant to an open

Republican primary in New York. The last thing Senator Al D'Amato and Gov-

emor George Pataki want is for their

beavyweight champ to get in the ring with

announced moderate positions on abor-

tion, affirmative action and gun control,

the Republican Party has been in a tur-

moil of change. His move exposed the

fearful secret that the fundamentalist

right had been guarding since the days

when it bullied George Bush into making

it the party's enforcer. That secret is that

most Republican voters care only ca-

sually, if at all, about dictating repro-

ductive behavior and keeping the Na-tional Rifle Association happy. General Powell's refusal to toe the

Buchanan line has threatened the hold of

the activist minority on the party's phi-

losophy and purse strings. If General

Powell can resist the pressure to pander to

the Buchanan/Falwell wing, he can re-

align the party behind the fiscal con-

views of its real majority.

servatism and more libertarian social

The shift has already had some re-

In the 46 days since General Powell

base and philosophy of the party.

the No. 1 contender.

A brisk competition is going on among nology or negotiating secrets is a tricky business. You have to figure out what is public, what is foreign, what is "American" and with whom to share the fruits, if there are any. It seems odd to have the CIA working covertly for, say, huge companies like Chrysler, Ford and General Motors. By going covert, moreover, you risk disclosure. When a CIA team was exposed in France last spring, the damage went beyond the publicity; intelligence cooperation shrank between the two allies. The exposure in Japan over the auto

talks has left the government furning. Economic spying can have a special purpose: to keep high-tech out of the wrong hands. Otherwise, spying on friends - and it is in the nature of things that much economic spying involves spying on the developed countries that are friends of the United States - ought to be reserved for extreme, dangerous circumstances. This is true whatever American

spy agency is involved. Much of the American interest in protecting economic secrets is served by strengthening intellectual property rights and maintaining industrial momentum. American counterespionage, including detection of bribes and of economic spying against the United States, can proceed more vigorously if American espionage is kept within bounds. The "new" missions of fighting terrorism, drugs and weapons proliferation are more urgent, beyond the reach of the private sector and deserving of close CIA-Pentagon cooperation and support.

Republican voters are more interested in

now chief barker for the Big Tent. Mr.

Quayle believed that it was a terrible

waste to have a mind and lose it. Mr.

Kristol thinks that it is a terrible thing to

have a chance to win the White House and

to run, Newt Gingrich will have to make a

decision what to do about him. If the

speaker can get General Powell to sign up

then the Georgian can bless his can-didacy. But if General Powell is of a more

independent turn of mind, then Mr. Gin-

grich faces unappetizing choices about

his own presidential plans for 1996. By

standing aside, he might allow a new-comer to seize a Republican moment that

the speaker views as his creation. But,

with his high negatives, could Mr. Gin-

grich really afford to enter a presidential

race in which he might lose both the job

didacy has served a valuable civic and

partisan function. It has given a center to

a party that had only a wing. It has raised

the possibility that Republicans who seek

the bully pulpit do not really have to be

bullied by a faction that seemed to be the

biggest simply because it was the mean-

est. One prediction seems safe, Mr.

Buchanan will be whining even louder

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

and longer before this is over.

Already, General Powell's quasi-can-

he seeks and the one he holds?

as a soldier of the Gingrich "revolution,"

If General Powell makes his decision

blow it on Bob Dole or Phil Gramm.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Central and East European Candidates Will Have to Do Better

ONDON - In the constant Ltalk about the enlargement of the European Union to Central and Eastern Europe there con-

tinues to be one major illusion. In some commentary it seems taken for granted that soon after tomorrow the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and the Baltic states, with a total population of 105 million, will march in serried ranks into the Union, increasing its population by a quarter and upsetting everything. So a drastic recasting of the Union's structure is

urgently necessary. One member state presses this view because it has hoped for 20 years that rapid and widespread enlargement would transform the Union into an unmanageable free trade area and scupper any move toward federation.

More generally, ministers in Europe do not like being unpopular with their neighbors, provided that they do not have to pay any immediate bills. When Greece applied in 1975 to join the then Community, the European Commission first recommended a

By Roy Denman prime minister appealed to his Community colleagues, and the but their size has more than made

up for any initial delay. When anyone applies to join a club, the membership committee needs to consider two things. One is whether the beliefs of the applicant fit those of the members. It would hardly be sensible to admit to a club of country gentlemen a fanatical opponent of fox hunting.

Secondly, will the applicant be able to afford the annual subscription and a reasonable use of the club's facilities? As things stand, only the most

curmudgeonly member of the European club would grumble in the bar that it was in danger of being invaded by bankrupt, ex-Bolshevik banana republics. But some serious questions do remain.

After more than 40 years of communism, how democratically stable are these new applicants? To give only two examples, in

waiting period. The then Greek Slovakia a populist prime minister. Vladimir Meciar, de-nounces Gypsies and Hungarians Commission was overruled. The and keeps power by giving two bills took some time to come in, key portfolios in his coalition to an even more sinister far right party. In Hungary, Jozsef Torgyan of the Independent Smallholders Party has captured the lead in the opinion polls by stir-

ring up nationalism. More worrying is the economic situation. The problem's size can

be measured by two examples. Greece, the poorest member of the Union, receives \$780 per head annually in EU regional aid, or between 5 and 6 percent of its GNP. A recent Commission study has shown that extending these criteria to countries in Central and Eastern Europe would mean regional aid amounting to 7 percent of GNP in the case of Slovenia, 13 percent in the Czech Republic, and 34 percent in Bulgaria and Romania. Disbursements on this scale would simply not be acceptable to the net contributors to Union funds such as Germany.

the Netherlands and Britain, which already consider that they are paying too much to Brussels. The second example is the ex-

perience of German reunification. When this at last became possible it was an affair of the heart, not of the purse, and in time the payback for a founding member of the Union would be immense. But for five years Eastern Germany has cost its Western counterpart transfers amounting to 5 percent annually of GNP and a solidarity tax on income of 7.5 percent. Yet the process of producing a self-sustained economy in the new Länder, by far the most advanced part of the old Eastern Europe, is only half completed. That alone shows

This leads to the following conclusions: • The East and Central European countries should be admitted when their democratic systems are solidly established and their economies are self-sustaining and

the immensity of the task of join-

ing East and West in Europe.

competitive with the West. This will mean both that it will be a long haul and that some

will be admitted before others. The Czech Republic, Slovenia and Hungary, the countries which have made the most use of Union aid under the Phare program, will be first, perhaps early in the first half of the next decade. At the other end of the scale will be Romanía and Bulgaria, which might take 10 years or more to

qualify for entry.

• In the meantime, the Union should do everything possible to help all these countries to qualify, not only by the existing Phare program, which is devoted largely to infrastructure and privatization projects, but by technical and administrative aid.

• Above all, the Union should help by opening up its markets more for imports from these countries of textiles, steel and foodspiffs.

That (and supporting the WTO) is where the main liberalizing efforts of the Union should be focused in the next few years, not on ill-judged attempts to drown Europe's separate identity in an Atlantic free trade area.

### The News Shouldn't Be Mainly About Conflict and Controversy

XX / ASHINGTON — My col-V league David Broder wrote recently of an important job training bill whose passage by an overwhelming 95-to-2 vote scarcely moral authoritarians. Bill Bennett says made the news. The reason had nothing to do with the significharacter and leadership than in a perfect cance of the legislation and everything to do with the overscore on the litmus test issues. Bill Kristol, a model of ideological rigidity back when be was serving as Dan Quayle's brain, is whelming margin of its passage. If there was no conflict, no cred-

> bill possibly be important? This was a masterful way of presenting one of the most disturbing and least noticed trends of big-time journalism. As Broder put it: "It is conflict, not compromise,

ible "other side," how could the

**By William Raspberry** 

that makes news ... The media bias for verbal slugging over legislative that the process went so smoothly. virtuosity is one of the main reasons, I believe, Congress is held in such low esteem." Far more than that. It is the reason, or at least a big part of the

reason, for much of the racial and political polarization, incivility and generalized bad blood between Americans.

How can that be? Because so much of the focus of today's journalism is on conflict, and so little on substance.

islation seemed unnewsworthy is It went smoothly, as Mr. Broder pointed out, because some members of Congress and their staffs had spent long hours, even years, negotiating the compromise legislation that passed so handily. But that sort of legislative brokering does not interest the media, unless it can be portrayed in terms

of surrender or forced concessions or some other element of fighting. Fighting. That's the operative word, and not merely in terms of The reason job training leg- the way we journalists cover the

bates over welfare reform and affirmative action and Medicare more in terms of who is landing the most punches on whose nose and less in terms of the potential impact on the lives of people, and of children in particular. It may be entertaining, but it is

ripping the country apart. That is why I get a little sick every time I see John Sununu and Michael Kinsley nose-to-chest in some phony fight in which each says things more strongly than he could possibly believe them, careful to avoid the slightest hint that the other guy might have a point.

I first noticed the trend, I suppose, during the debate over health care reform, when it dawned on me that, even as a fairly attentive consumer of news, I was never quite sure what was in any particular package or proposal. I knew only who seemed at the moment to be ahead on points, who was cheering for whom, and what it all meant for Hillary's ascendancy or demise.

Now I see it everywhere: in the debates over abortion and school choice, in the wrangling over deficit reduction and most certainly in the presidential campaign. The substance regularly takes a back seat to the fight.

One of the main reasons for the media's interest in a possible Colin Powell candidacy is that his presence in the race would make

legislative process. We cover de- the fight journalistically more interesting. As Hedrick Smith, late of The New York Times, puts it, we cover words and delude ourselves into thinking we have com-

mitted journalism. Even as I say these things, I recognize that my media colleagues will point out that they do cover substance. Every welfare reform proposal, every legislative bill, every campaign promise has been reported in some detail at least once. Surely I can't be demanding that reporters go on retelling stories already told.

Not quite. What I am really proposing is that we not forget that, unlike boxing matches, policy fights are about something. If we don't keep our audience focused on what that something is, they are very likely to go on choosing sides based on party or personality - to go on adding to

the polarization. Focus on substance and you have the basis for useful compromise. Focus on controversy and you have only winners and losers. Still it is the controversy.

the fight, that attracts us. Carl Sessions Stepp of the American Journalism Review put it well when he said that if the media had been around 2000 years ago, we would have covered the Crucifixion and missed Christianity. That's quite an indictment. I wish it weren't me.

The Washington Post.

### Judges Stir Things Up in Britain

By Anthony Lewis

claiming that he had inherent

power to do so, he made his own

had acted unlawfully.

rules. The courts held that he

Mr. Howard, who is widely

regarded as the most reactionary

home secretary in years, has

times. But he is not alone. A

could not be held in contempt.

so much more vigorous in pro-

tecting individuals against the

state? Why, particularly, has Britain's highest court, the

First, the judges plainly un-derstood that there was a vac-

uum. Traditionally, Parliament

was supposed to correct any

governmental injustice to indi-

viduals, but in the modern state

that is a myth. Parliament is

under the virtually total control

The courts held otherwise.

House of Lords?

T ONDON - There has been a significant change in the way the British system of governance works. It is a change in the outlook of judges and in the function they perform.

British courts used to be extremely cautious and conservative. That was especially so when it came to protecting individual rights. In conflicts be-tween individuals and the state, judges almost always deferred to the state. They were, a critical judge said, "more executiveminded than the executive."

Over the last 20 years that judicial attitude has been transformed. Judges no longer hesitate to rule that the government has abused its powers. Cabinet members have to reckon with the possibility that something they plan to do may be found by

a court to be beyond the law. This transformation has occurred without any change in the written law. Britain still has no written constitution or bill of rights. Not has Parliament passed an Administrative Procedure Act like America's, providing for judicial review of ad-

ministrative decisions. The judges have done it on their own. In the tradition of the common law, made by judges from case to case over the centuries, they have built up an impressive body of what they call administrative law: reviewing the fairness and the legal basis of government actions.

For example, the present

home secretary, Michael How-

ard, ignored a statute laying

of the executive, and in any case it does not have time to consider individual wrongs. Second, the judges became increasingly aware of how loosely drafted much modern legislation is, how little thought

bitrary in exercising them. Third, there has been a generational change in judges. The new judges think of law not as down rules for a system to com- fixed rules but as a set of values alism, not less. pensate the victims of crime; designed above all to protect

goes into its details. It delegates

huge powers to the government,

and the government is often ar-

democracy and human rights. Fourth, the new judicial generation is more outward-looking. It is familiar with the European Covenant of Human Rights. It knows that courts in Commonwealth countries have taken to enforcing individual rights ever more rigorously - in South Africa, for example, and in Australia and India.

been restrained by judges many The Supreme Court of the United States has been an especially strong influence. At predecessor of his ignored a court injunction forbidding the deportation of an immigrant; he least one law lord was educated claimed that cabinet ministers at an American law school, and all know the great liberating decisions starting with Brown v. Why have the courts become Board of Education. The Conservative govern-

ment is not at all pleased with the judicial trend, and that is hardly surprising. Those who exercise arbitrary power always resent restraint by courts. The Labor Party may be no better if it comes to power. So one must conclude from a

speech delivered two weeks ago

by Labor's shadow lord chancellor, Lord Irvine, It was a shot across the bow of the courts. Lord Irvine warned against what he called "judicial supremacism." He called for judicial deference to "the sovereignty of Parliament," a phrase that is the

last refuge of constitutional

scoundrels. The politicians, or many of them, will resist judicial review. But my guess is that the British public likes it when judges stand up for them against the state --and that the public will demand more of the new constitution-

The New York Times.

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: Stench Downriver PARIS - The question of the tout

à l'égout system of drainage and the Seine has again been respon-sible for a new lawsuit in which the City of Paris will figure. The inhabitants of Bougival complain of the disagreeable odors which arise from the river and damage this suburb's reputation as a pleasant summer resort, and injure it from the point of view of trade. They have accordingly commenced a civil action for damages against the City of Paris. There is a prevalent idea that this action should have been brought against the State and not against the City.

#### 1920: Wilsons Vote

WASHINGTON -- President and Mrs. Wilson cast their ballots to Princeton, N.J., their official voting residence today [Oct. 31]. They voted the straight Democratic ticket. This is probably the first in-

stance of a woman voting in an American Presidential election. The President and his wife took advantage of the new prerogative of voting by mail when proof is offered of inability to attend the polls on voting day.

#### 1945: Danish Shift COPENHAGEN - Prime Min-

ister Buhl announced that his Coalition Cabinet would resign in the wake of yesterday's [Oct. 30] election for the Lower House of Parliament. Buhl said a new Cabinet would be formed of parties opposed to socialization. The Social Democrats led but sweeping gains were made by Communists and Agrarians. The Communists, with little popular support before the war, gained 18 seats. Their surprising gains were attributed to their ability to lure the working class from the Social Democrats. The Agrarians gained 10 seats, to become the second largest party.

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### **Powell Has Political Pros Shaking in Their Boots**

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — Except for a apparatus, which these days means relative handful of people, the conservatives. Some of them, Americans have a great deal to gain from a Colin Powell run for the presidency, and nothing to lose that is not worth losing.

We Americans know that he is a man of achievement, thought, ci-vility and leadership who would be a strong candidate. But whether he should be elected president - that needs more time for voters to get to know him, think about it and decide. Time is exactly what the American political system provides.

But that handful exception is powerful and ubiquitous. In print and on the air, there's no escape

They are the people who make their living from politics — elected officials, their appointees, staffs and fund raisers — whose careers and emotions are already committed to the Democratic incumbent or one of his Republican challengers. They know that their interests can be damaged by a Powell run. So they tell us nd him to pass it by, pass it by.

We would be fools to listen to them. We have the luxury of the time before and after the primaries and conventions to pick up the goods a candidate offers, squeeze hard, go to another bin, back and forth.

Some refuse to accept that delicious time. They pick anybody from Column A because they detest the other party. I love to tell a brilliant Democratic friend that I vote Republican or Democratic as I choose, because she fixes me with a magnificent look of shock, horror and disgust.

Part of the Powell phenomenon was The Book and The Tour. But nobody put a gun to all those people to line up to buy the book. If it is just hype, all Bob Dole has to do now is go to a publisher and say, here's my book, make me president.

People lined up because General Powell had attracted them before he wrote a word. They did not admire what was being offered them in the way of leadership by Bill Clinton or

his Republican opponents.

They wanted to get a feel of this Powell. They wanted to know more about him, in print or person, and they still do. No political outsider since Dwight Eisenhower, and none I can think of before him, has aroused

that interest, almost longing. Nobody knows that better than members of the Republican Party

like the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, are smart enough to hold their fire; and some, like William Bennett, Jack Kemp and Bill Kristol, are saying very nice things about General Powell. (Mr. Kristol's new magazine, The Weekly Standard,

But the voters line up for the general.

revealed the Million Man March as not entirely the racially polite and cuddly event that most journalists insisted it was. Already it is the magazine I get most grumpy about when it is not delivered early.)

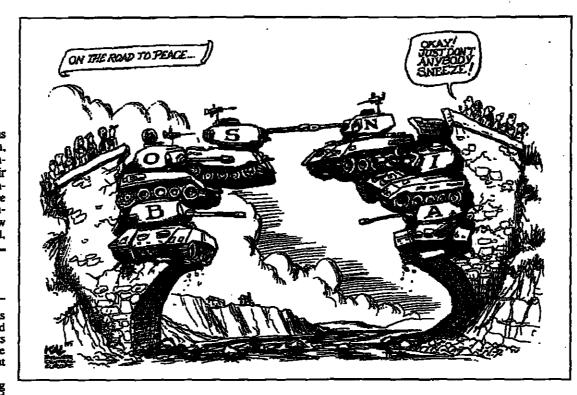
But others in the party are acting as if they invented conservatism and patented it last year on Election Day. Anybody outside their circle can sign in only with a blood oath not to deviate an inch from their version of what the party should be. Anybody who does must be cast out, right away, lest he bring the wrath of the Republican voter down on them all.

They tell us that, but they are too smart to believe it, which is what gets them so nervous and mean about General Powell. These self-appointed high priests know that not all Republicans, even right-wing Republicans, agree with them about abortion, Medicare, minority protection or the anti-immigrant drive. In a new New York Times/CBS News Poll. Republicans who vote in primaries showed themselves not nearly as tight, stingy or ideological as these keepers of the flame would like.

Senator Dole, who has spent years cultivating these Republican primary voters, gets a 39 percent approval rating from them. Flame-keepers Patrick Buchanan and Phil Gramm get 19 percent each. General Powell already gets 43 percent among these Republicans, more than he gets among all other Americans.

So there goes the Republican high-priest argument that conservative voters would froth at the mouth General Powell got into the race.

If he does make a run for it, America will get the time it needs to look him over—a clear gain. America stands to lose one thing: the conviction of the professionals that politics belongs to them. That will bearable for the rest of us.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Russian Health

I have just read Flora Lewis's article "The Health Crisis in Russia Is Too Grim to Fathorn" (Opinion, Aug. 18), and I share her dismay about our situation. It is critical in many respects, though not all of what she describes can be ascribed to a breakdown of health services. As a pediatrician with more than 40 years in service. I would like to offer

Mortality has gone up, particu-larly among males. But this is due to violence, alcohol abuse, acci-dents, environmental pollution and lifestyle-related diseases.

The declining birth rate also reflects Russia's social crisis, but, as some statistics show, it is accompanied by a decline in the number of abortions. For me, this reflects a responsible attitude toward parenthood in these years of hardship. And it seems that the downward trend in the birth rate has leveled off.

The prevalence of birth defects ed in the article (388 to 436 per 10,000) is comparable to that in many other countries. The increase from 1990 to 1994 may well reflect better attention to the problem following a stream of reports in the media.

Nevertheless, there is a health cri-The health system has reached its limit of efficiency, and further improvements are hardly possible without some fundamental changes

in ideology, training, financing and administration. Let me illustrate this by some examples in child health.

Our infant mortality is two to three times higher than in the West, and the difference is made up mainly by the mortality of premanne babies and those with congenital malformations (of the heart, in particular), due to the scarcity of appropriate intensive-care and surgical facilities. The creation of such facilities and training of staff for them was neglected for decades; now it would take years to make up for it, even with adequate financing.

which is doubtful. Pediatricians who give primary care are obliged to make house calls for every acutely ill child, often repeatedly, totaling 8 to 12 home visits a day, and three to fours times as much during a flu epidemic. The result is excessive hospitalization,

with enormous costs and all the haz-

ards of in-hospital infection. This "convenience" has to be scrapped. Doing so would free man-power and funds that could be used to upgrade diagnostic and treatment facilities, but the authorities are reluctant to do so at a time of popular discontent with almost all that is

being done by them. For years, pediatricians were held responsible for whatever happened to the children under their care. Our data show that this was the main

cause of undervaccination against

diphtheria and other infections in the 1980s, which opened the way for current epidemics. Pediatricians would look for every possible medical pretext to postpone vaccina-tions, fearing reprimands that would inevitably follow a severe reaction

or complication from a vaccine. Little if anything has been done to reform the administration of health service, to decentralize it and turn te-owned infrastructure into a functional network of municipal, nonprofit or even private institutions.

VLADIMIR TATOCHENKO. Institute of Pediatrics. Academy of Medical Sciences.

#### What's in a Hyphen?

Why are some people called African- American, or American Indian, or Asian-American or Mexican- American? Why aren't all U.S. citizens simply called Americans? PAULINE F. HUDEK

Straight Talk Regarding "Race and Eu-phemism" (Editorial, Oct. 17): Americans must relearn how to "call it as they see it" if the nation

is to avoid destroying one of its

basic freedoms. ROBERT R. HODGSON.

### **Keats Tells a Young Poet:** You Can Be Human, Too

By Philip Levine

Nothing I had read before had so young men and women from Detroit.

Nothing I had read before had so potently lifted the gloom that hovered over my small portion of Detroit.

The class, Professor A.D. and some hurried to it after finishing the day shift at one of the local factories.

With one month left in the semester, we arrived at young John Keats -- who was born 200 years ago

#### **MEANWHILE**

this week and is hardly more fashionable now than he was when I sat

in that classroom 47 years ago.
With Keats there was an immediate affinity we had not felt before. Shelley and Byron were exotic aristocrats, who rode far above the clouds of industrial garbage that hovered over our university campus.

Kears was one of us: young, uncertain, determined, decently educated at mediocre schools, struggling to survive. He was what one of us might have been, had one of us been the phenomenal John Keats.

From the moment I read "On First Looking into Chapman's Homer," I was hooked. It expressed perfectly my own response to the great Romantic poetry I was reading for the first time and, to use Keats's expression, feeling on my pulse as I had felt no poetry before.

I do not know if Mr. Wooly knew

my ambition was to become a poet.

Detroit was not Greenwich Village or even Berkeley. It taught you not to advertise all of your ambitions. Its stance was ferociously masculine, and most of its citizens seemed to have little tolerance for the arts or for what might be de-scribed as "artistic behavior."

Even half the women I went to school with carried themselves as though they yearned to become professional bowlers.

My guess is Mr. Wooly divined certain needs in me. One afternoon, as the last of daylight faded across his desk, he handed me a volume of Keats's letters opened to the page concerned with what the poet called "the vale of Soul-making."

In what I read, a man barely older than I was attempting to account for the function of pain and suffering in the creation of the human spirit.

I found, to use Keats's words, "the use of the world" for probably the first time in my life.

This was some 10 years before Wooly's introduction to the Roman-tic poets, met in the late afternoon, set about the creation of a body of poetry that would later be labeled "confessional" and even longer before those poets' acts of self-destruc-

tion, but the models were there.

That year, Detroit itself would welcome the besotted Dylan Thomas. My mentor-to-be, John Berryman, would later claim that what the poet required above all else was a wounding so terrible that he or she could only barely survive it.

Imagine my relief and surprise when Professor Wooly pointed to the following passage: "Whenever I find myself growing vaporish I rouse myself, wash, and put on a clean shirt, brush my hair and clothes, tie my shoestrings nearly, and in fact adonize as I were going out - then all clean and comfort-

able I sit down to write. This I find the greatest relief."

It seemed quite suddenly I could be both a poet and a person, even in a world like ours—that is, if I were able to create such a person out of

what I'd been given.

Like Keats, I was descended from ordinary people, in my case with extraordinary minds and imaginations. I realized that this, too, could prove to be a virtue, for it meant that I could not live apart from the daily

difficulties of the world.
I could regard these circumstances as Alps standing between me and the poetry I might write, or like Keats I could regard them as part of the material out of which I might build

my character and, later, my poetry. I've thought many times since then of the poems that might have been ours, and the enormous literary reputation that might have been his, had

Keats lived his three score and 10. But what he left us and what we will celebrate as long as our language survives is unique, for even though he lived to be only 25 years old, he is with all of us, an extraordinary human soul, animating us still.

The writer is the author of "The Simple Truth," which won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for poetry. This com-ment, contributed to The New York Times, was adapted from an essay in the spring 1996 issue of DoubleTake

#### **BOOKS**

THE VEIL OF ILLUSION By Rebecca Ryman, 632 pages.

\$24.95, St. Martin's. Reviewed by Brian Jacomb

N "Olivia and Jai," her earlier novel about the to go against the accepted be-role in the rebellion. havior under the crown.

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**BEST SELLERS** 

Ryman lovingly describes the sights, sounds and colors of Then in Campore, in 1857, India: the carpeted jade of the torical romance, this book is far the Bibighar massacre took luscious grasslands, a sky of place, a native uprising in luminous rainbows, the swift which 200 European women whoosh of the blue-breasted kingfisher and the chittering an- the reader off track, Ryman tics of troupes of monkeys.

But as beautiful and sensuous as her descriptions are, Ryman jolts the reader into stark awareness of what it meant to

In Calcutta's segregated and pigment-conscious colonial society, she explains, there operated a remarkably efficient "nostril brigade" who could sniff out the faintest whiff of native blood beneath the most deceptively Nordic ap-

The Indians themselves were even more callous in their caste-ridden bigotry, even less subtle in their rejection of most

Olivia Raventhorne continues to probe and question the fate of her husband while coping with the growing difficulty of guiding their grown son and

daughter.
She tries especially hard to prevent scornful treatment by the English community when each child in turn becomes romantically involved with an English partner. It's a common expression

among the English that the Eurasians are good enough to bed but not to wed. Even the most upstanding

with British companies and truth about Jai's disappear- ficials in the colonial government are revealed to be cads in their private practices.

Although described as hismore. tosses in red herrings to throw

does that and a whole lot more. One minute the reader will feel sympathy for a character or situation, only later to have a completely different view. The author has taken pains in

depicting the native Indian rituals, beliefs and superstitions, the great pride in which family is held, the strict observance of She also makes much of the

respect shown to elders and the ethic of what is acceptable and what is not in the caste system. This is a very long novel, but Ryman has managed to pace her story well.

There are no slow passag therefore no letdowns. The publisher provides no information about the author's background other than that Ryman is a pseudonym of a woman who lives in her native India. This is a disappointment. I

would like to know more about Rebecca Ryman, but then perhaps the withholding of her identity is another aspect of the mystique of "The Veil of II-Brian Jacomb, a Washington

writer who specializes in historical fiction, wrote this for citizens and highly placed of- The Washington Post.

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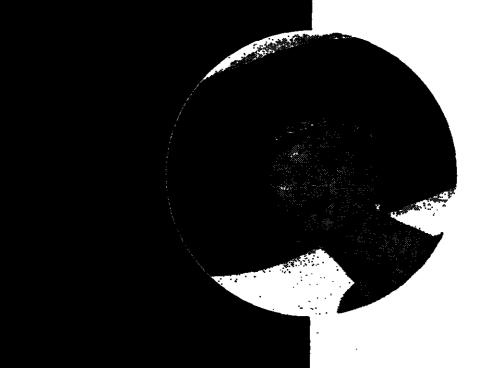
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**Drab Side** 

Minimalist Look

Is Very Much 'In'

By Suzy Menkes

Through the grand ballroom strolls the

supermodel Linda Evangelista in a droopy cardigan the color of old bones over the

kind of hopeless, shapeless dress run up by

Just a little something picked up at the flea market, along with the lumpen plaid

skirts, the shiny jersey shirts, the bad-taste tunic rattling with fringe and the 1950s

Ah, but the hot and hip New York de-

signer Marc Jacobs has actually created

these clothes and hired a posse of su-

permodels and the Plaza ballroom as their

showcase. What look like drab discards of

the 26th Street thrift market have been

painstakingly pieced together from cham-

precisely the look of the moment, as worn by

an in-crowd of fashion folk who are fixated

on Plain Jane looks and drab-is-chic. The

problem for Jacobs, once known for witty

and ironic fashion takes, is that all this

minimalist or neo-suburban style has been

pioneered by Prada in Milan and has already

pajama-print blouse and simple skirt might seem cool.
So what is an uptown girl to do? For the

newly married Marie-Chantal Miller, now

princess of Greece, the answer was to take

herself and a fellow blonde Gucci-clad

friend to Victor Alfaro's show. There they

sat front row, sunglasses pushed up on the

crown, ticking appreciatively shantung

gowns in pimento, pink or garnet red silk with a diamond-shaped seams at the

Alfaro's show was nothing spectacular,

with its echoes of Gucci's Milan show in

bursts of psychedelic pattern and in the soft

jersey sweater tops or square tunics over

pants. Shirt dresses, coat dresses and the

inevitable hipster pants just picked up on current trends. But the designer at least

addressed a reality that often seems to be

forgotten in this Spring/Summer 1996 New

York season: potential customers need

Executive Education

At designer label prices, the clothes look

It takes a skill of sorts to capture so

plush and gilt

stilettoes embroidered at the toes?

bray, chiffon and shantung.

spread across other runways.

a loving mom at home.

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EW YORK — Here we are down

and out in Manhattan, slumming

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## 2 Queens, and a Particularly Nasty Vaudevillian



third Miller sister to Alexander von Fürstenberg last weekend.

Alfaro's silk shantung evening dress.

"All the uptown people I know go downtown. There shouldn't be a distinction," said Princess Marie-Chantal, who was wearing a speckled jacket and dark pants from Calvin Klein. "I want whatever is pretty and wearable."

Has Carolina Herrera ever designed anything else? From the little white gloves, through the lace-and-horsehair collars old theatrical pageantry values that is as framing the face, her show was a model of ladylike elegance. It opened — as every show seems to this season — with white: pantsuits or dresses in different textures of mat and shine. Color? The softest ice cream sorbets in fondant pink or pistachio, the dresses given forgiving cap sleeves or little cardigans draping bared shoulders. In a back the other plays of Bolt after years of shifting fashion world, her clients will find Herrera's approach reassuring.

Golightly hovers over American invisible," is well worth rediscovery. sportswear. Designers who were once into tailoring now focus on the simple sleeveless to compliment a West End musical simply dress. Mark Eisen made something of simplicity with his use of different textured to write it instead of just cobbling it tofabrics and flashes of silver on predictable gether on the backs of old record sleeves, zippered jackets, cropped tops and the inevitable Jackie dresses. Nicole Miller told a shows compiled on precisely that basis, the similar story with her all-white opening. great news about "Jolson" (Victoria And then she said it again with flowers, splashing exotic orchids or prim pansies on mpire-line dresses.

Norma Kamali displayed on mannequins 1940s-style dresses and jackets, black and white stretch gym clothes and

vivid green and orange shantung or suede. New York's shows used to offer a reality check after the excesses of European collections, but now, fashion stylists too often rule the runways, giving the models messy top-knots and mournful makeup and insisting on spare style. This enrages the acsomething suited to an upscale and uptown cessories designers who are staging a wellworld, exemplified by the marriage of the displayed exhibition beside the show tents. none of the songs, from "Sonny Boy" all

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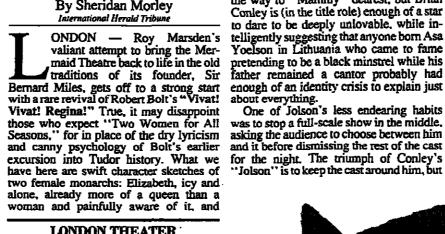
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impetuous, readily accepting death as an alternative to the loneliness Elizabeth already knows.

They never meet on stage, but Bolt achieves some nice contrast and comparison — told at one point in the complexintrigue that impels the plot that Mary has escaped through her palace kitchens, it suddenly occurs to Elizabeth that in the same situation she couldn't even find the

Bolt chooses a patchwork pattern of brief scenes in which characters are established within a few lines and often dismissed in a few more; it is a cross-cut technique, reminiscent of his years in epic screenplay writing for David Lean. Marsden's production betrays a yearning for the welcome as it is rare.

As the two queens, Barbara Flynn (Mary) and Janet McTeer (Elizabeth) offer brilliantly contrasted opposite sides of the same royal coin, and one could hope that this production, apart from bringing us back the Mermaid, might also bring us shameful neglect: historians have long been out of fashion in the theater, but a man like a tough sell, even if individual pieces—
say a safari shirt, a crisp shantung tunic or

The enduring uptown spirit of Jackie who could write a line like "You are grown so subtle, Master Cecil, you will shortly be who could write a line like "You are grown

It might appear somewhat backhanded on the grounds that someone has bothered but after a deluge of songbook or tribute Palace) is that it actually has a script. Moreover it's a courageous one: old Joly

shown to have been a thoroughly nasty egocentric neurotic who only really came to any kind of life when the footlights were switched on. Jolson so traumatized his second wife, Ruby Keeler, that for years after their di-

vorce she refused to admit she had ever even met him; true, the show chickens out on the point, and gives us the brave-little lady actually fixing up his comeback con-

At the Victoria Palace we are spared

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suggest that he could still manage it alone.

Despite some truly bizarre raves from

Naseeruddin Shah as Cyrano, top; a scene from "Jolson"; and Lennie James and Helen McCrory in "Macbeth."

### A French Moviemaker's Lament

By Richard Covington Special to the LHT

EAUNE, France — Patrick Braoudé, one of the funniest and most genial of French directors, respect from the Americans that I have for should be a happy man. After his second film, "Neuf Mois" garnered plaudits of critics and audiences, Twentieth Century-Fox paid him \$1 million for the remake rights and signed on Hugh Grant and Robin Williams to star in "Nine Months," the American adaptation by Chris Columbus. So what does he have to complain about?

Despite a sunny mask, Braoudé admits being more than a little upset that his film was not even distributed in the United States. It was, after all, the second time around. Remake rights for his first film, 'Genial, Mes Parents Divorce,'' were also sold to American studios. Both Warner Brothers and Steven Spielberg bought the rights, but because they had divergent concepts of the films they wanted to shoot, neither remake was begun, the director explained. Like "Neuf Mois," Braoudé's first film never received distribution in the United States. Addressing a conference here among European and American filmmakers and studio executives, he made an impassioned plea for European films to be given at least a chance of finding American

"The Americans try to reassure us, saying 'film good stories and the audience will come," but how can they come when U.S. actors in the place of the French ones." distributors will not even exhibit our

claiming that American audiences are im- berg, that promises to bring him up from

mune to French comedies. "I love American cinema, so it's very Hollywood optimism. frustrating for me not to be able to show my movies to Americans and earn the same

them," Mr. Braoudé said. Resistance by American distributors to subtitled and dubbed films is an article of faith about to be challenged by American studios and by European governments. Walt Disney Co. is set to dub "Un Indien dans la Ville," followed by an American remake. And the French government has or \$70 million immersing an audience in joined the European Union in announcing plans to create two separate dubbing funds

to encourage foreign distribution of films. Perhaps these efforts will meet with more success than "Les Visiteurs," the broad farce by the French director Jean-Marie Poiré that was dubbed by Miramax at a reported cost of half a million dollars, only to languish in the vaults, unreleased.

Braoudé joins a long line of foreign filmmakers whose work has crossed the Atlantic only after the questionable bapism of the Hollywood remake.
"Three Men and a Baby," "The Return of Martin Guerre," "My Daddy, My Hero" are a few of the French films that

have been remade by American directors. As Andrei Kontchalovsky, a Russian director and veteran of Hollywood, sardonically maintained: "Producers there don't like to read scripts. They would rather younger version of Orson Welles. watch a French film and imagine American

Now Jules Verne joins the ranks of cinematic makeovers. Captain Nemo, that Even though "Neuf Mois" had audiences laughing in festivals from Sarasota to of the psyche, is being prepared for a teams, 'please, please play bad. It's Los Angeles, the distributors begged off, spiritual facelift, courtesy of Steven Spiel-crazy.

the somber lower depths into the light of

Janet Scott Batchler and her husband Lee explained why they were persuaded by Spielberg's Amblin' Entertainment studio to shine up the captain for international viewers in a "prequel" to the Verne adventure classic, "Twenty Thousand

Leagues Under the Sea."
"We are changing our initial script of the film from dark to light because the studio does not want to spend \$60 million

MIDST all the breast-beating and jealous fear of American films destroying the original vision of European movies, a freewheeling pair of filmmakers from Croatia welcomed Hollywood commercialism.

Eschewing government subsidies, Zeljko. Vukmirica and Vicko Ruic mustered up the \$1 million cost of their film "Nausikaja," on their own, making them the high rollers of Zagreb's tiny film industry — so tiny that the pair represent the only independent. movie venture in the country.
"We feel closer to the Americans than to-

the Europeans asking for government handour and complaining about block-buster Hollywood films," explained the strapping Ruic, who weighs in like a

"Following the American subculture was our way of fighting the former Communist government. To ask Hollywood to tone down its vision is like going to the National.

#### **SHORT CUTS**

ACKING towering figures, these are the days for picking up the Michael Kamen does, among others, "Litpieces. All-star packages of virtuosi play newly digested versions of gournet classics by former towering figures. Quality and commerciality merces. figures. Quality and commerciality merge mans. Buddy Miles, Bootsy Collins and

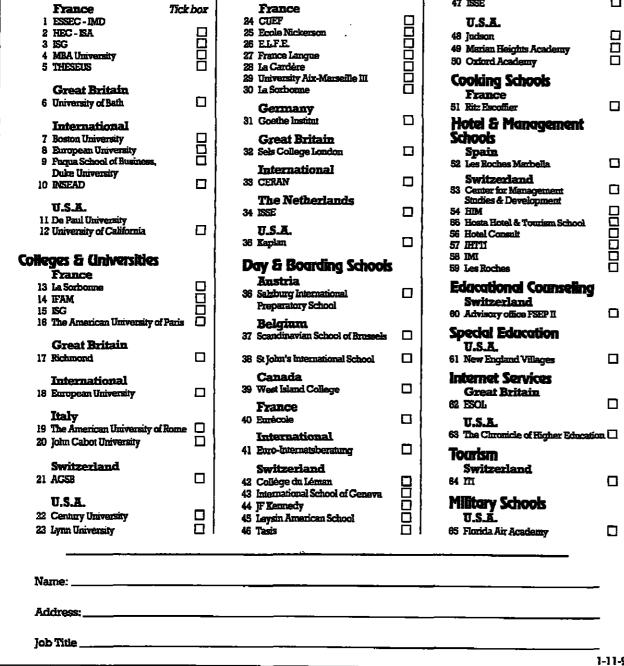
"In From The Storm" (RCA): This may be Redding and producer Eddie Kramer. "Exrock, funk, blues and jazz meet as music. Sting (singing) and John McLaughlin play

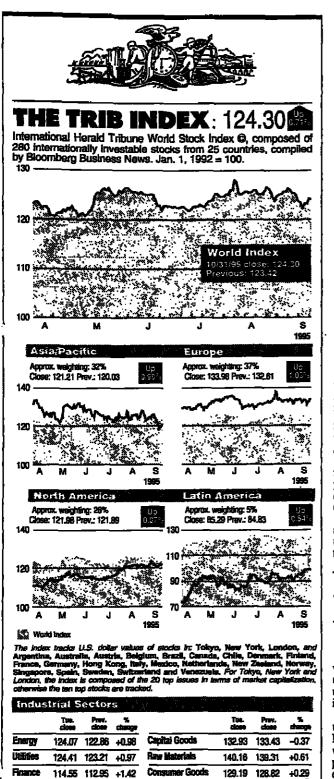
Steve Lukather take "Purple Haze" on • THE MUSIC OF JIMI HENDRIX. home. Hats off too to Billy Cox, Noel

titled assemblage features heavyweight figures in "Contemporary Jazz" (a chart cat-The Wind Cries Mary." The London egory meaning bigger sales than just-plain

jazz) interpreting songs by the Beatles. George Benson, Chick Corea, Tom Scott, Spyro Gyra, Arturo Sandoval and Dave Grusin and "Yesterday," "She's Leaving. Home," etc.Like Hendrix, the Beatles wrote standards by any standard. Those who cry that "real" song writing died with Cole. Porter are wrong.

the album of the year. Enthusiastic, reverent, eclectic new thrusts without simulation or pretence in that place where distribution of pretence in that place where where the state of the place where Jon Hendricks, Joe Lovano and others.





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By Howard Kurtz

WASHINGTON — At the Baltimore Sun.

which is cutting 125 jobs, some senior editors

have been offered reporting or copy-editing

At the Los Angeles Times, 800 jobs are being

At the Miami Herald, which has killed its

Sunday feature section, the publisher says the

paper will henceforth concentrate on nine sub-

jects deemed most important in reader sur-

veys. National and world news are not among

At the Buffalo News, a redesign generally allows only three stories on the front page. Some recent offerings: rumors that O.J. Simp-

son planned to marry a friend. Paula Barbieri.

and that the comic-book characters Dagwood

and Blondie were consulting a marriage coun-

"You can get the facts with out straining your brain," trumpets a radio advertisement.

Across the United States, layoffs, budget

cuts and a changing approach to journalism

have cast a pall over newsprint costs. A familiar list of culprits — soaring newsprint costs, declining circulation and growing competition from television, talk radio, direct mail and on-line servision.

vices - has combined to make 1995 the most

running it, myself included, are confused

about which way to point the papers and how to deal with the competition, said Zachary

Stalberg, editor of the Philadelphia Daily

The business is scared, and the people

depressing year in recent newspaper history.

abolished, along with the weekly World Report

section, six suburban sections and City Times,

which was launched after the 1992 riots.

positions if they do not retire.

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

### Merger Fever Afflicts U.S. **Companies Revel in Deal-Making Boom**

By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

NEW YORK — This year's wave of U.S. mergers and acquisitions is poised to set a record, extending a feverish pace of global business consolidation that during 1994 and 1995 could see as many companies get swallowed up as during the last three years of the 1980s.

According to Securities Data Corp., U.S. mergers and acquisitions thus far this year were worth almost \$346 billion on Monday, just shy of the record \$347.1 billion completed in all of 1994.

D. Scott Lindsay, co-head of mergers and acquisitions at CS First Boston, estimated that worldwide deals could reach \$800 billion this year with a two year total of \$1.3 billion.

year, with a two-year total of \$1.3 trillion. The \$653.4 billion in global deals done so far this year is already a record.

In many ways, the deals announcedthis week are typical of the year. On Monday, Softkey International Inc., a software company, announced it was making an \$800 million bid for two makers of education software. On Sunday, Praxair Inc., an industrial gases spin-off from Union Carbide Corp., said it planned a hostile \$2.1 billion bid for a rival. Comsat Corp. agreed to buy the cable television operations of E.W. Scripps Co., for \$1.575 billion.

While the entertainment, drug, banking and media industries have dominated the stage this year, the range of companies involved in acquisitions has touched all sectors of the economy, even the once-somnolent utilities.

What many of the acquirers have in common is a new willingness, even by blue-chip companies, to engage in hostile takeovers, making this year the biggest year for such deals since 1988. There

is also a desire to capitalize on the strong performance of the stock market by financing deals with shares that are steadily rising in price.

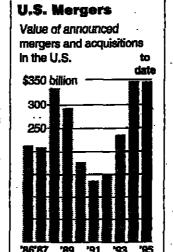
"So long as the stock market stays at record highs, it's a great time for companies to do stock deals," said Samuel C. Butler, the managing partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, a New York law firm that has one of the leading mergers-and-acquisitions advisory practices.

Other factors contributing to the deal-making boom include a perception of a loosened regulatory environment and a sense that in a period of a slow-growth economy, business expansion can best be achieved by acquiring competitors. "Strategic, not financial, issues are behind

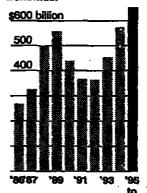
most deals that have been done over the past two years," said Willard J. Overlock Jr., the head of global mergers and acquisitions at Goldman, Sachs & Co., which brokered \$93.7 billion of deals through the first three quarters of this year.
Wall Street is benefiting from the fees for the deals, even if competition means the business is

not quite as lucrative as it was in the 1980s. This year's burst of activity is changing the corporate landscape. With the \$7.5 billion acquisition of CBS Inc., Westinghouse Electric Corp. will metamorphose into a media company. The pending \$488 million acquisition of the Washington Electric Co. by Puget Sound Power & Light Co. weds an electric company and provider of natural gas. Southern Pacific Railroad Co.'s name will dis-

appear when it is absorbed in the \$5.3 billion merger with Union Pacific Corp. Chemical Banking Corp. will give up its name in its \$10 billion merger with the Chase Manhattan Corp. As corporations disappear, thousands of jobs will also vanish as costs are cut to make the deals pay off.



A Global Milestone Value of announced mergers and acquisitions worldwide.



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(Reuters, Bloomberg)

ditors," Mr. Mays said.

to mount for many years.

ditional £1 billion.

### **Daimler Casts** Doubt on AEG's Independence

tence of AEG AG as an independent entity and about half of its activities are under review by its parent company, Daim-ler-Benz AG, AEG's chief ex-ecutive said Tuesday.

We are discussing whether AEG should remain an independent entity or whether it will be absorbed into Daimler, Ernst-Georg Stöckl said.

Mr. Stöckl confirmed that the maker of machinery and electrical equipment, one of Germany's oldest industrial companies, is in talks to sell its power distribution and automation units with annual sales of 3.5 billion Deutsche marks To Bid for More (\$2.48 billion).

The weekly magazine Der Ferruzzi Shares Spiegel reported on Sunday that Daimler would sell the units to the British-French conglomerate GEC Alsthom and close AEG's Frankfurt headquarters. Mr. Stöckl confirmed that GEC Alsthorn is one of the companies in talks with AEG for the power distribution unit.

'We are in talks with various various degrees of progress," Mr. Stöckl said, adding that all potential partners were Euro-

Daimler-Benz will retain AEG operations with sales of about 6 billion DM, he said. AEG had total sales of 10.3 He added that it would add to pressure on billion DM in 1994.

auditors to contribute to a £2.8 billion Each AEG unit is being resettlement the market is trying to put to-Names have unlimited liability on their each must meet certain goals for returns, Mr. Stöckl said.

Automation and power disnature of some claims, losses can continue tribution did not pass the test Lloyd's hopes a settlement will bring an because both are in markets end to the litigation, but Mr. Mays said the with increasing competition because both are in markets offer would have to be more than £2.8 and falling prices, he said. The power-distribution unit. billion. He said he was looking for an ad-

250 million DM in investment to FRANKFURT - The exis- remain competitive. The automation unit is expected to have a loss this year and needs up to 500 million DM in investment. he said. Mr. Stöckl said he anticipates positive proceeds from the sale of both units.

Daimler announced earlier that it would sell AEG's lowvoltage business, part of the power distribution division, to General Electric Co. of the United States for an undisclosed amount.

## Mediobanca Told

MILAN - Mediobanca SpA must bid for 11 percent of Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA after buying that amount on the Italian stock market last week, the Italian stock market regulator Consob said on Tuesday.

The bid must be made in the

partners and these talks are in next 30 days at a price not lower than the average 1,585 line a share Mediobanca paid during its stock market raid last week. Those purchases Mediobanca about 260 billion lire (\$163.11 million). The purchases pushed Ferruzzi shares

up by more than 50 percent during the week. In Italy, when someone buys viewed to see whether it fits into a "significant" stake in a com-Daimler's strategic plans and pany, Consob can order it to make a public bid for the same amount to give minority shareholders the opportunity to sell.

Mediobanca bought the shares last week after Ferruzzi's proposed merger with Gemina SpA fell apart. Mediobanca said it bought the which Mr. Stockl said would stake because it has confidence break even this year, needs about in Ferruzzi as an investment.

### Lloyd's Auditors Suffer Setback in Court

LONDON — A major group of investors in the Lloyd's of London insurance market won a landmark legal ruling of negligence on Tuesday against auditors of insurance syndicate

The victory could lead to compensation of up to £300 million (\$472.9 million) for the Names — individual Lloyd's members whose assets have traditionally backed its policies - represented by the Merrett Syndicate 418 (1985) Names Association.

The judge in the London court said that Stephen Merrett, the managing agent for syndicate 418, also was negligent and he had "serious reservations about many aspects of Mr. Merrett's evidence.'

News. "There's a real spiritual self-doubt that

I don't remember experiencing before."

Lest anyone forget the stakes, the newspaper landscape is littered with the fresh corpses of the

Houston Post, New York Newsday and the

Baltimore Evening Sun, and further darkened by a three-and-a-half month strike at the Detroit

industry's most prominent chains: Knight-

Ridder Inc. (which owns the Miami Herald,

Detroit Free Press, and the Philadelphia In-

quirer and Daily News) and Times Mirror Co.

(owner of the Los Angeles Times, Newsday of

Long Island, the Baltimore Sun and Hartford

plunged 82 percent, to \$6.6 million. Times Mirror recently reported \$299 million in third-

quarter losses and announced further job

"The Courant is losing part of its heart and soul," said Clifford Teutsch, its managing

editor, last month, after 188 employees - 16

percent of the staff - accepted buyouts. Those

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Morale is particularly low at two of the

News and Detroit Free Press.

Knight-Ridder's

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Frightening News for Papers

John Mays, chairman of the Names as-ociation, said: "This is a stunning victory." "It is a significant defeat for the ausociation, said: "This is a stunning victory. If we'd written the judgment ourselves, I don't think we could have come up with a

The approximately 2,000 members of the group are seeking compensation for about £300 million of their losses from the Names have un auditor, Ernst & Whinney, now Ernst & investments, and because of the long-term Young. The firm said it would appeal.

The bulk of Merrett 418 losses stemmed from pollution and asbestos claims, major causes of losses at Lloyd's.

Around half of Lloyd's 30,000 Names are involved in legal action to recoup some of the record losses sustained by the market in recent years as a result of a series of

### AT&T Goes To Every U.S. School

The Associated Press NEW YORK — AT&T

Corp. said Tuesday that it would provide \$150 million during the next five years to connect all of public and private elementary and secondary schools in the United States to the Internet and other electronic networks.

Through a program called the AT&T Learning Network. the company said it would provide services such as temporary, free use of voice messag-

It would also train teachers and staff to use new communications networks.

Each school would also get free dial-up Internet service, browser software and 100 hours of free usage.

leaving included the staff members who won a When schools reached the 1992 Pulitzer Prize. One is going to graduate limit of free usage, AT&T said that it would offer discounts on The Baltimore Sun columnist Wiley Hall, a both Internet and messaging 20-year veteran who took a buyout last month, services for the rest of the fivesaid the editors "encouraged me to leave" by dropping his column. "I think they're making year period.

Given that budget-cona big mistake." he said. "They're getting rid strained schools are slow to of a lot of good experience, people with conadopt new technology, AT&T hopes the program will give it a nections to the Baltimore community, and that's going to hurt them in the end."

At the Philadelphia papers, where 230 jobs chance to develop business in the school market as well as to display new products to parents See PAPERS, Page 17 who might also buy them.

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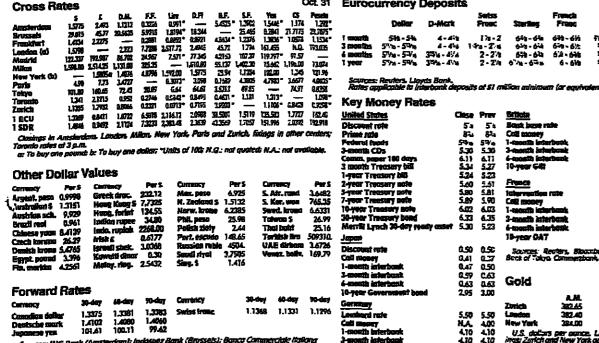
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#### IBM to Use Netscape Software

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BOSTON (Reuters) — International Business Machines Corp. Tuesday announced licensing deals with Netscape Communi-cations Corp. and Open Market Inc. to use their Internet software on IBM's own business computer network and on IBM hard-

Compaq Computer Corp. strengthened its position as the largest personal computer maker by shipping the most machines more than in the 1994 quarter. IBM last a Dataquest analyst. IBM also said it will integrate its Lotus Notes and IBM Internet products and services in a bid to boost sales to corporations using

the global computer network. IBM Global Network is the world's largest integrated data, voice and video network. It offers Internet dial-up access in more than 330 locations around the world, and will offer access in more

than 530 locations by year-end. Under the agreement with Netscape, IBM will license and resell Netscape's complete line of open software products, including its Navigator client software, server software and Internet Appli-

- Prodigy Services Co. said it will offer Netscape Communications Corp.'s Internet browsing software as part of its on-line
- Banc One Corp. said it has about \$1 billion in capital it may use to repurchase shares, raise its dividend or make acquisitions.
- Japan Airlines Co. is to order five 777-300 aircraft from Boeing Co. for \$800 million, including the cost of the engines. The planes are expected to start going into service in 1998 on

### News Corp., TCI Plan Sports Service

By Geraldine Fabrikant New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In an effort to become a major competitor to ESPN, Tele-Communications Inc. and News Corp. are negotiating the formation of a new global sports network, two people with knowledge of the discussions say.

The cable service, which could be announced as early as this week, would be run by News Corp. and Liberty Media, the programming arm of TCL Liberty also has a number of regional sports cable services that could provide some programming for the

Meanwhile, News Corp., led by Rupert Murdoch, has been aggressively acquiring sports rights in the United States and over-

The two companies declined to comment on their plans.

If they go ahead with such a channel, it

could present competition for ESPN, the sports cable service owned by Capital the consulting firm. "It's anoth channel. It is what Liberty does."

SAN JOSE, California — The global

personal computer market is expected to

grow by 20 percent in the fourth quarter of

1995 from the corresponding period a year

ago, Dataquest Inc., the market research

puter sales rose 21 percent, to 14 million

that Canada's political climate remains

The dollar was also hurt by weakness in

over the outcome of the clash between

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which agreed to acquire Capital Cities/ ABC last summer. At the time, Michael Eisner, Disney's chief executive, said he

planned to take ESPN overseas. If the TCI-News Corp. effort succeeds, TCI would be able to join with the Fox Network, which is owned by News Corp., in rivaling ABC and ESPN for the rights to

sporting events. News Corp. could put up several hundred million dollars to start the venture, a person familiar with the talks said. American sporting events have an increasingly large audience in Europe, and Liberty could use some of its programming on an

international service. There was mixed reaction from analysts. One analyst saw the move as a serious counter to the power of ESPN.

But another was unimpressed. 'It's hard to get real excited about it.' said Larry Gerbrandt, who follows cable programming for Paul Kagan Associates. the consulting firm. "It's another sports

last quarter and Apple Computer Inc. re-

gained its No. 2 ranking amid strong con-

sumer demand, according to Dataquest.

Houston-based Compaq's third-quarter

shipments rose 22 percent to about 1.49

million PCs from the year-ago period. Compaq this year shipped 10.1 percent of

Apple Computer overtook International

Business Machines Corp. as the second-

Quebec Vote Still Weighs on U.S. Dollar

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

"It was an initial relief for the market,"

said Lizbeth Goldberg of Hypo-Bank in

New York, "But there were still concerns

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

all PCs sold worldwide.

NEW YORK — The U.S. dollar closed of Quebeckers had voted against secession,

mixed on Tuesday as the narrow victory the Canadian dollar climbed. The U.S. cur-

over secessionists in Quebec raised caution rency finished the day at 1.3450 Canadian

the Mexican peso and continued questions dollars, down from 1.3620 at the close

Monday.

Mr. Gerbrandt raised the question of whether TCI, the nation's largest cable operator, might not also be trying to exert some leverage with ESPN, which is carried on Tele-Communications' cable systems. He recalled that when Tele-Communications Inc., which reaches roughly 11 million cable subscribers, was renegotiating

its agreements to carry ESPN in the mid-1980s, it announced a sports channel, called Sports Time, that it was forming with Anheuser Busch and Cox Cable. At the time, TCI threatened to take ESPN off the air, but it eventually signed a new longterm contract with ESPN

Mr. Gerbrandt said Monday that TCI was probably eager to start a service, but also was using it as a "negotiating ploy." He added that TCI had always wanted to have a national sports service of its own.

In this era of joint ventures, Tele-Communications is not entirely cleared to go ahead ahead with News Corp. For one thing, it owns three cable sports services with Cablevision Systems Corp., a New York-based cable operator.

Dataquest said.

should grow sharply.

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7.075 pesos from 6.925.

### Overseas Buyers Fueled Stock Rally

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK --- Record foreign purchases of U.S. Treasury securities, especially by central banks seeking to drive up the dollar, helped fuel the stock market rally on Wall Street this agers try to lock in their profits summer, the Securities Industry Association said Tuesday.

The net inward flow from foreigners totaled \$43.5 billion, of which \$31.2 billion came from private investors. The figures were records. The net figure represented a sharp rebound from the first quarter's total net inflow of \$33 billion, when investors shunned the United States because of Mexico's fi-

nancial crisis. Foreign central banks accumulated \$12.3 billion in U.S. by a 11-to-10 ratio,

#### U.S. STOCKS

PC Market Growing at 20% Annual Rate treasuries in the second quarter supporting the dollar. Almost all was acquired in June when central banks spent \$10.9 bilquarter shipped 1.15 million PCs, 13 percent more than in the year-ago period, lion. The banks were respond-Dataquest said fourth-quarter growth rates would be lower than the rates seen at ing to concern expressed about the dollar in April by the Group of Seven industrial countries end of 1994 and in early 1995, when sales rose by more than 30 percent. It said the and the intervention led by recovery in computer sales will continue in Treasury Secretary Robert E. recovery in computer sales will continue in Europe, while sales in Japan and America Rubin that finally drove the dol-

lar back from record lows. "This allows us to Analysts have cited a number forecast sales of more than 17 million units in the fourth quarter," said Kimball Brown, of factors for the summer stock rally, ranging from the reviving U.S. economy to mutual funds appetite for technology stocks. (AFX, Bloomberg) But the association, in its quarterly Foreign Activity Report. pointed out that foreign demand drove up bond prices, and that pushed interest rates lower.

That drop in rates helped fuel The dollar slipped to 4.8796 French francs from 4.8894, and to 1.1354 Swiss "bullish environment for securities investment," francs from 1.1370. The pound rose to David Strongin, the associa-tions chief international international Meanwhile, the Mexican peso fell, loseconomist.

During the second quarter from April through June — the yield on the bellwether 30-year reasury bond tumbled from 7.44 percent to 6.63 percent. At cautious ahead of President Bill Clinton's the same time, major stock indexes posted gains of 10 per-

The association said that foreign buying of U.S. bonds had helped free up domestic funds

for stock investment, That raises the question of how durable the rally is. It has been faltering lately as the year's end approaches and fund man-

### ■ Bull Market Stumbles

Share prices crumbled in a: rush of late profit-taking on Tuesday after three sessions in positive territory fueled by confidence in a strong U.S. economy, The Associated Press reported from New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 1.09 points. at 4,755.48, after rising as much as 42 points earlier in the day. Gainers outnumbered losers

Analysts said as the Dow approached 4,800 investor rushed in sell orders to capture profits on cyclical and technology issues, which had posted. strong early gains amid a series of reports on Tuesday showing, strength in the U.S. economy.

'It was normal profit taking, after the lofty levels during the day," said Alfred E. Goldman, vice president, A.G. Edwards,

The Purchasing Management Association of Chicago, index of business activity rose-53.4 percent in October from 49.0 in September. A reading above 50 denotes expansion in the manufacturing sector. In addition, sales of new homes rose 3.3 percent in September to the. second highest level of the year as low mortgage rates contin-.. ued to make housing affordablefor many Americans.

The technology-dominated Nasdag commodities index fell 3.63 point, to 1.036.06.

Kmart, the most actively traded share on the Big Board, fell 7/8 to 8 1/8 after the company said it did not have plans for major store closings.

Microsoft fell 2 3/4 to 100;

after a downgrading by Morgan -Stanley. Elsewhere in the sector, Intel rose 1/8 to 69 7/8 and Novell

inched up 1/8 to 16 1/2.

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that the vote was still too close to go away meeting Wednesday with congressional leaders to discuss the ceiling on U.S. debt. cent and more. and that sent some pressure into the market

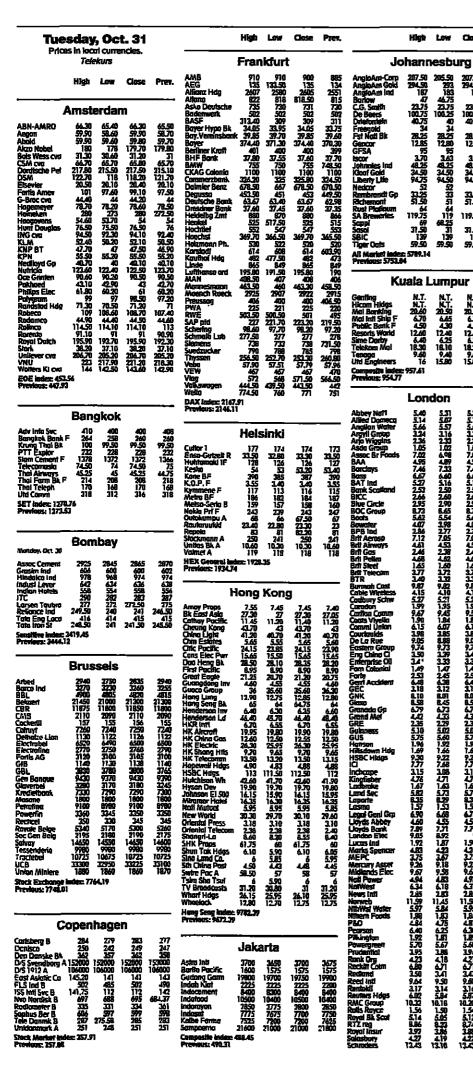
ing the ground it had gained Monday on the

release of a new economic stimulus pack-

ge over the weekend. The dollar rose to

The dollar was held back as traders were

closed Tuesday for a holiday.



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### **Jobless Rate Hits** 11.5% in France **As Growth Slows**

PARIS - French unemployment jumped unexpectedly in September, registering its second successive monthly increase, and economists said the iobless figures were asign that the economy was slowing.

The Labor Ministry on Tuesday said that the seasonally adjusted number of people out of work had risen by 28,200, or 1 percent from August, to 2.95 million. The jobless rate edged up to 11.5 percent of the work force from 11.4 percent a month

Economists said the rise in unemployment was due to the conomic slowdown, which is oted in France's high taxes. high short-term interest rates and tight fiscal policies. Most economists have cut growth forecasts for the economy in 1996 to about 2.25 percent from a range of 2.5 and 3 percent

predicted earlier. The rise posted last month was the second consecutive monthly increase in the unemployed total and the first time since September 1994 that the jobless rate had increased.

President Jacques Chirac pledged in his election campaign earlier this year to make the battle for jobs his priority. Prime Minister Alain Juppe, whose standing in opinion polls has slid to record lows, partly as

a result of frustration over un-

employment, conceded that the

data released on Tuesday were

disappointing.
"These figures are not good," he said after the weekly cabinet meeting, adding that further measures might be needed to put young people back to work.

Unemployed people under the age of 25 account for almost 20 percent of the total. The unemployment data

raised worries about the government's resolve to make deep cuts in public deficits. "I was a bit surprised." said

Sonja Grueter, economist at IBJ International. "What worries me is how this is going to affect Chirac after his televised address last week." Mr. Chirac, shifting the em-

phasis from his presidential campaign, pledged last week to make deficit-cutting his top priority. Meanwhile, Finance Minister Jean Arthuis affirmed Tues-

day that the 1995 budget deficit would not exceed the govern-ment's target of 322 billion francs, adding that the end-ofyear supplementary budget, which would allow this goal to be achieved, has not been finalized.

Separately, France's major unions called a one-day general strike for Nov. 14 to protest government plans to overhaul the welfare state, the unions said in a joint statement.

(Reuters, AFP, AP, AFX)

### Grand Met Gains Focus So Why Believe the Takeover Rumors?

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON --- Shareholders of Grand Metropolitan PLC have not had much to get excited about in the last few years. Since peaking in 1992 at 506 (\$7.98) pence, the shares have dragged as the company has gone through a series of divestitures, acquisitions and cost-cutting programs.
In September, however, ru-

mors began circulating that Grand Met could be a takeover target, or that it would be broken up into its parts, including the Burger King fast-food chain, Pillsbury foods and International Distillers & Vintners. With a market capitalization of more than \$15 billion, Grand Met would be a big bite for all but

the largest of predators.

The stock hit 461.5 pence last month on the strength of the takeover speculation, before retreating. It closed Tuesday and the Largest Experience of the state o day on the London Stock Exchange at 435.5 pence.

The rumors have not come to anything yet, and the most frequently repeated of them that Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. is interested in buying Burger King — seems likely to be a case of wishful thinking on the part of in-

A spokeswoman for the company said flatly, "Burger King is not for sale. Still, some investors continue to give the speculation

about Burger King credence forts over several years to because of the links between transform itself from a con-Grand Met and Kohlberg glomeration of 30 separate Kravis. Last year, the investment company set up an affiliate operation in London to and beverage operations. scout investment opportunities in Europe, and hired Ian A. Martin, formerly Grand Met's deputy chairman, to run it. Mr. Martin signed on to run the operation, called Glenisla,

Grand Met's chairman. Kohlberg Kravis also has a link to Burger King. The com-pany controls Flagstar Cos., of £455 million to finance the corporate parent of the Denny's restaurant chain. Earlier this year Flagstar hired core businesses, including Pet James B. Adamson, Burger Inc., the owner of Progresso King's chief executive, as its chief executive.

after losing a race to become

If nothing else, the takeover speculation has refocused atention on the company's ef-



in consumer products. Pillsbury and Burger King are both enjoying relatively strong 'Grand Met is a company that has been pretty thorough-ly sorted out," said Eric J. Frankis, an analyst with

ABN-Amro Hoare Govett in London. "Demergers work better where you have a sprawling company where the work has not yet been done. The result is that for Grand Met the breakup value is probably not wildly in excess of the share price.

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Many analysts now say Grand Met is in good shape,

and better positioned than it

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### KLM Sees **Profit Slip After Tax Payments**

AMSTELVEEN, Nether-lands — KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said Tuesday second-quar-ter net profit fell 15 percent as it resumed tax and pension pay-

The carrier earned 302 million guilders (\$191.7 million) in the July-September period, down from 354 million guilders a year ago. Analysts had expected profit of 260 million to 382 million. After a tax-and-pension hol-

iday in last year's second quarter, KLM paid 95 million guilders in taxes and 65 million in pension contributions in the corresponding period this year.

The damage to the bottom line was partly made up by a 9 percent cut in unit costs — the mea-sure of how much it takes to fly cargo or passengers per kilome-

'When you factor in that they paid taxes and pension premiums, I think these results are actually very, very good," said Candace E. Browning, a New York-based airline analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co. "The stock is reflecting that." In Amsterdam, KLM shares

closed 1.6 guilders, or 3.2 percent, higher at 52.10 "The figures show we are on

the right road that we took a nnmber of years ago." KLM Chief Financial Officer Rob Abrahamsen said. "That is a great achievement."

Pretax profit rose 10 percent, to 398 million guilders. Those earnings were boosted by a contribution of 83 million guilders from affiliates, including dividend payments from Northwest Adding the Market Adding west Airlines Inc. KLM owns 25 percent of the U.S. carrier. KLM had a gain of 24 miltions will enhance earnings per lion guilders on the sale of assets in the second quarter,

against a gain of 42 million guilders last year, when it sold two of its DC-10 aircraft. Operating income fell 13 ercent, to 333 million guilders, the second quarter, largely reflecting the pension pay-

ments. Revenue rose 3 percent, to 2.63 billion guilders.

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#### **Very briefly:**

 The European Commission said it would investigate state aid totaling 950 million Deutsche marks (\$674.1 million) given to olkswagen AG to open 2 plants in Eastern Germany.

 The European Commission postponed a decision on whether to allow Bonn to give 11 billion DM in aid to three Eastern German chemical plants purchased by Dow Chemical Co. The commission said it would rule on Nov. 8.

• Den norske Bank, Norway's largest commercial bank, said profit for the first eight months of 1995 rose 7 percent, to 2.1 billion kroner (\$337.5 million), from 1.96 billion kroner.

 Bloomberg LP, the U.S. business news service, is to launch Bloomberg Information Television Europe on Tuesday; the TV program will compete with European Business News, owned by Dow Jones & Co. and Flextech PLC.

Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Cie., a family-owned bank headed by the former Bundesbank president Karl Otto Pohl, said a trader lost 24 million DM (\$17 million) trading bond options; the bank still expects to post a profit for the year.

#### EU Allows SEAT Rescue

proved Tuesday a Spanish gov-SA, the Spanish unit of Volk- units between 1994 and 1997. swagen AG, if capacity is cut by

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### Pilkington Sets 2 Purchases Funded by Rights Issue

PLC announced two major acsignificantly enhance its market share in Europe.

In The acquisitions, including million. the remaining 50 percent stake of the Italian glass company Società Italiana Vetro SpA as well as a glass-processing busi-

LONDON — Pilkington £303 million (\$477.7 million). At the same time, Pilkington quisitions on Tuesday that the reported a 70 percent rise in British glassmaker said would profit before taxes and exceptional items in the six months ending on Sept. 30, to £104

Andrew Robb, Pilkington's director of finance, said that the results reflected the company's strategy of the last three years, ness in Switzerland and Scan-dinavia, will be financed by a flat safety-glass business and

the one-for-four rights offer to current shareholders at 155 pence per share would be used to £68 million. fund the acquisitions as well as other investments. Pilkington 50 percent stake two years ago surable and noticeable contriraised its interim dividend to 1.75 pence from 1.5.

Despite the planned rights issue, Pilkington's shares rose 6.59 pence, to 189 pence, on the London Stock Exchange. Switzerland, Norway and Den-Pilkington said it would pay mark of the Interpane Group for 31, 1995.

compansion with new products. £120 million for the remaining £55 million plus the assumption Pilkington said proceeds of 50 percent of Società Italiana of £17 million of debt. Vetro and would also assume that company's debt burden of Pilkington bought its original ownership. "They will be mea-

> and turned the formerly unprof-butions," Mr. Robb said. itable Italian company around. The second Pilkington purchase is of the glass-processing and distribution business in

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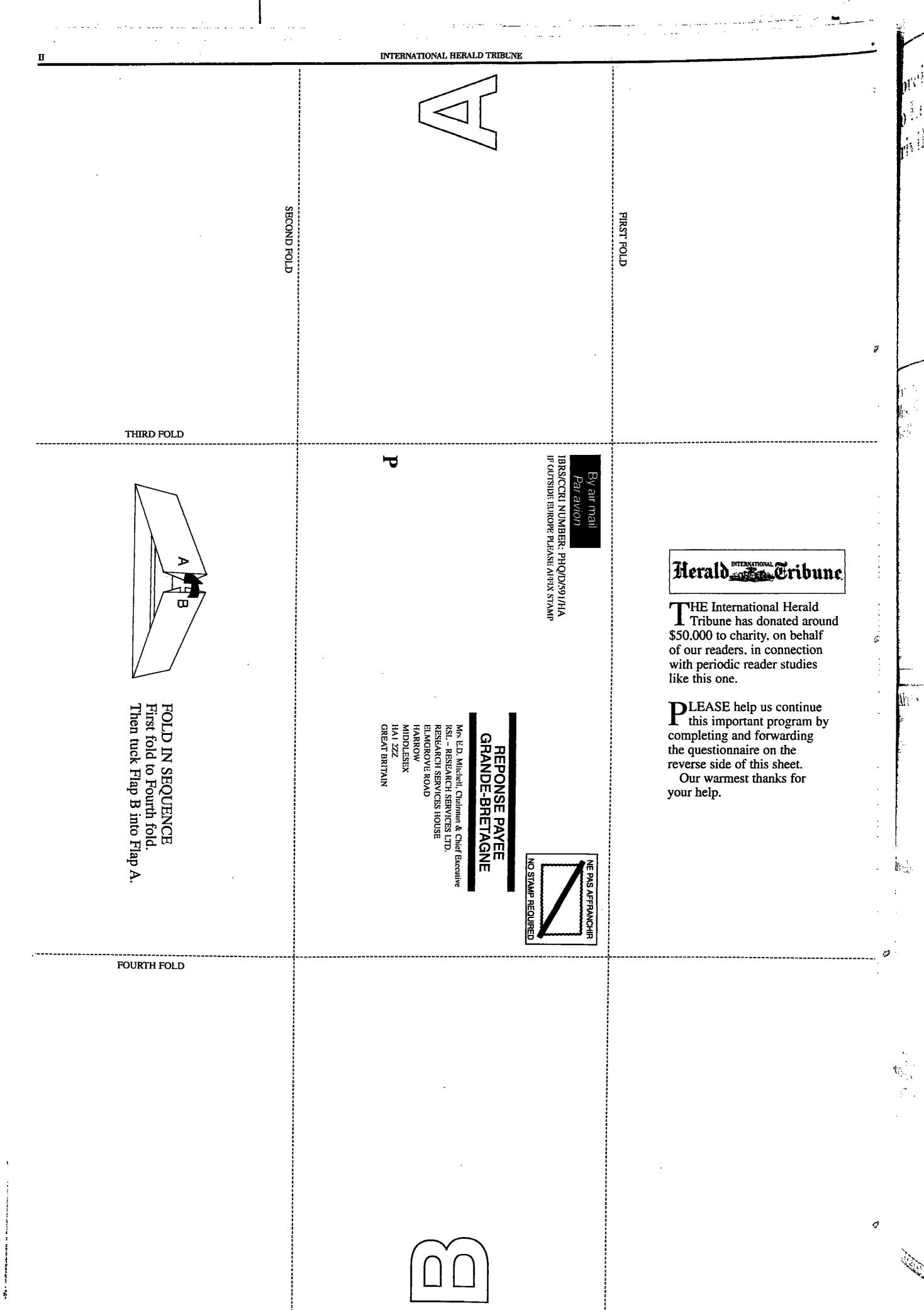
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### Foreign Business To Lose Tax-Free Privilege in China

ficial confirmed on Tuesday a move long feared by foreign investors, saying Beijing would abolish duty-free imports of be scrapped. capital equipment for foreign companies starting Jan. 1.

China has set a five-year timetable for the gradual unification of tax rates for foreign ventures in its special economic zones with those of companies in the rest of China.

Sun Shangqing, director of the State Council Development and Research Center, said the abolition of duty-free imports affect contracts already signed. He said the decision was in the with a World Trade Organization principle on equal

#### **Exporters** Must Wait For Rebates

BELIING -- China will postpone for up to two years the payment of 50 billion yuan (\$6.03 billion) in tax rebates it owes exporters, a tax official said

Fraud and an unexpected surge in exports resulted in claims worth double what the government had

budgeted, the official said. Xiang Huaicheng, de-puty director-general of the State Administration of Taxation, said the delay

might be up to two years. Mr. Xiang repeated the government's intention to reduce the rebate rate from Jan. 1. In July, the rate for most goods was cut from 17 percent to 14 percent. On Oct. 18, Beijing said the rate would be cut to 9 percent from January.

BELIING — A Chinese ofbeen nervous since Beijing officials began hinting in recent weeks that the incentive would

> "We will abolish the duty-free treatment as from next year," said Mr. Sun, who was attending the World Economic Forum's China Meeting.

Xiang Huaicheng, deputy di-rector of the National Taxation Administration, said: "This is a complex issue. It depends if it is an old or new project, 'he said. 'If it is an old project, the pre-vious policy will continue. If it of capital equipment would not is a new project then it will be according to the new policy.

Mr. Sun also said that China had set a timetable to match tax rates for foreign ventures in its special economic zones with those for other companies.

"We must unify the rates in accordance with the World Trade Organization and the need for equal competition in the socialist market economy," Sun said.

Preferential taxes apply in the five coastal economic zones and the Pudong New Area in Shanghai. Mr. Sun said the abolition must be gradual.

Mr. Sun said China had

asked for a five-year transition in its proposal to join the WTO. which has been held up by op-position from the United States, Europe, Japan and Canada.

Foreign enterprises in the zones pay income tax of 15 percent, compared with 33 percent in the rest of China. The main task of the zones,

set up to attract foreign investment, is complete, and preference is no longer needed, a State Planning Commission official said last week.

The official Price Information Newsletter said in its latest edition China planned to end tariff exemptions in

It said the tariff-free status of imported equipment for promoting agricultural exports in economic development zones would end in 1996. Exemptions related to bartered goods also

### GM's Slow Road in China **Profit Looks Far Off for New Venture**

SHANGHAI — It took General Motors Corp. more than two years to win a \$1 billion car project in China. But it could take another decade before the company sees any return on its investment.

The deal was completed Monday, when GM and the state-owned Shanghai Automo-GM and the state-owned Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. announced the signing of an agreement for GM's proposal to build a plant here, in China's biggest city, to make 100,000 mid-sized sedans a year. GM, chosen over Ford Motor Co. after 24 months of aggressive bidding, said total investment could exceed \$1 billion and that the joint venture would likely be structured as a 50-50 equity split with the Chinese auto concern.

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The shared investment teams the world's largest car maker with China's largest in-

dustrial enterprise. But among the fundamental problems fac-ing GM are a shortage of paved roads and other vital infrastructure, strict local sourcing requirements, industry overcapacty, and per-haps most important, a pancity of Chinese affluent enough to buy cars. Many analysts say the U.S. automaker will likely remain in the red on the venture for years to come.

"It could take 10 years before they have a profitable venture," said Keith Nilsson, an auto-industry analyst at Bankers Trust Co. "It took other plants five or six years with considerable support from the Chinese government, and new ventures don't have that same level of support."

The road to profits has been a long one for other carmakers in China. Denway Investment Ltd., the Chinese partner in a joint venture with France's PSA Peugeot Citroën SA, lost 57.96 million Hong Kong dollars (\$7.49 million) in the first half of this year as sales of its Peugeot 505 model plummeted. Denway blamed the loss, which followed a shortfall of 148.60 million dollars in 1994, on government spending limits introduced to bring down in-

First Auto Jinbei Automotive Co., a GM any time soon.

partner in a pick-up truck venture, stopped production last spring due to the high price of imported components. It lost 98.48 million yuan (\$11.8 million) in the first half of the

But in Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. GM may have found a better partner, analysts say. Shanghai Volkswagen, a 50-50 joint venture between Shanghai Automotive and Volkswagen AG of Germany, sold 115,000 Santana cars in China last year to capture almost half the domestic market.

According to a billboard at Shanghai Automotive's headquarters, the company expects pretax profit of 4.6 billion yuan this year, up from 4.01 billion yuan in 1994. Its sales target is 45.5 billion yuan, including exports worth \$50 million.

Shanghai Automotive has said it expects to make 160,000 Santanas this year, including 28,000 units of the Santana 2000, a deluxe model. The company also plans to turn out 350,000 motorcycles, 12,000 tractors, 1,000 15-ton trucks and 35,000 diesel engines.

A big concern for GM and Shanghai Automotive, however, is a difficult market for

passenger cars. Peugeot, Shanghai Volkswa-gen and the Chinese carmakers First Auto Works and Second Auto Works all are plan-

ning to raise production of passenger cars.
Only about one in 500 Chinese people have a car, compared with about 75 cars per 100 people in the United States and one car for every 10 people in Malaysia. Current pas-senger-car production is running at barely 50

percent capacity. "If demand in five years can't match the growth of capacity expansion, someone is going to be running plants with very low capacity utilization." said Jin Qiu, an analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co. in Hong Kong. Mr. Jin added it was unlikely that Ford would have another big chance in China soon: "Capacity is already above demand by a great margin, so there's very little possibility that China will open another joint venture for passenger cars any time soon." (Bloomberg, Reuters)

### Nomura Report Boosts Nikon Stock

Bloomberg Business News
TOKYO — Shares of Nikon

Corp. rose 3.5 percent Tuesday after Japan's largest broker up-graded the stock to "outperorm" on an expected rebound in group earnings.

The stock price has not kept

pace with those of other companies that manufacture semiconductor-manufacturing equipment," Nomura Securities Co. said in a research re-

port. "We expect this gap to highest rating on expectations begin narrowing from the end that its production of steppers, of the year.

The stock rose 50 yen, to 1,460 yen (\$14), with more than 5 million shares traded, making it the third-most-actively traded stock on Japanese exchanges. Merrill Lynch Japan was the

biggest buyer, with 859,000 shares, followed by Nikko Securities Co., with 110,000.

machines used to make semiconductors, would rise in fiscal 1995 and 1996, boosting earnings above initial forecasts.

Last year, Nikon reported current, or pretax, profit of 7.19 billion yen on sales of 288.49 billion yen. It forecast current profit would more than double, urities Co., with 110,000. to 16 billion yen this year on Nomura also gave Nikon its sales of 320 billion yen.

### Airport **Costs Hurt JAL Profit**

Bloomberg Business News TOKYO — Japan Airlines

Co. said Tuesday that its halfyear pretax profit fell 37 percent as added costs from the opening of the new airport near Osaka weighed on earnings.

"International travel is increasing," said Jiro Sagara, the airline's managing director.
"But we're seeing a big increase in costs from the new Kansai International Airport."

Japan's largest airline said current, or pretax, profit for the six-month period ended Sept. 30 was 12.95 billion yen (\$127 million), down from 20.59 billion yen in the like period last year. Revenue for the first half increased 7 percent, to 561.3 billion yen, thanks to an increase in international travel and passenger cargo.
International travel

creased 11 percent over the first half of last year, largely due to a recovery in demand in the Kan-sai region, which was stricken by an earthquake in January, the

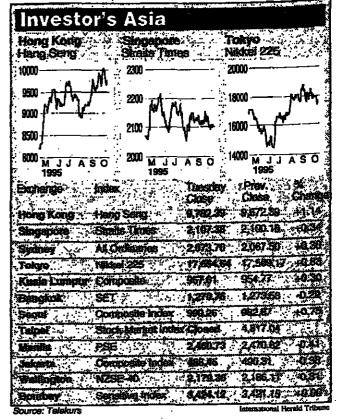
company said.

JAL said its operating profit for the half was 25 billion yen, 66 percent higher than forecast. That is an amazing number, much better than I had expected," said Patricia Horvath, an airline analyst at UBS Securities Ltd. "It has to do with their attempt, and actual suc-cess, at controlling costs."

Malaysia Air Gets Slot Malaysia Airlines Bhd. has secured the right to operate a newweekly flight to Paris after threatening to stop buying aircraft from the European consortium Airbus Industrie if additional landing rights were refused, Agence France-Presse reported from Kuala Lumpur.

But the airline, which currently has two flights per week between Malaysia and Paris and is seeking five, said the single extra flight would still leave it with huge excess de-

The carrier had threatened to bypass Airbus when ordering new planes. It said it was still



#### **Very briefly:**

 Sanwa Bank Ltd. said interest-rate-swap and bond trading boosted revenue in its financial half-year ending on Sept. 30; it raised its forecast for revenue in the period by 19 percent, to 1.54 trillion ven (\$156.97 billion, but the bank said it did not expect profit to increase because of rising interbank deposit costs.

• The Shanghai Commodities Exchange suspended China Huatong Timber Holdings (Group) Corp. and Zhongjing Enterprise Co. from trading for six months for violating exchange rules. The punishments come in the wake of a crackdown on speculation and market manipulation in futures trading.

• Hang Seng Bank of Hong Kong was rated the world's most profitable bank in 1994 for the second straight year by the London-based credit rating company IBCA. Bangkok Bank rose to second acception thing to the 1993 survey, while Den norske Bank rose to third place from 73d.

Beijing commercial housing prices are expected to climb 10 percent annually over the next three years due to rising demand, land prices and construction costs, the China Youth Daily said.

• The Philippine president, Fidel V. Ramos, said the government would begin collecting an expanded value-added tax on Jan. 1, adding 7 billion pesos (\$269.54 million) annually to state coffers, after the Supreme Court affirmed that the tax was constitutional.

Chinese government officials said that one in every six Chinese rural laborers has left the countryside in the past decade, filling the country's cities with 70 million new job-seekers. They said urban workers earned 71 percent more income than farmers in 1984, but the wage gap had grown to 163 percent more by last year.

• Music Semiconductors Corp., a specialized Philippine chip-maker, plans to sell shares to the public in March, becoming the second electronics exporter to have shares traded on the Philippine Stock Exchange, its underwriter said.

evaluating other purchase options, including aircraft made by Boeing Co. and McDonnell 5.13 billion yen, for the half year ended on Sept. 30.

#### PAPERS: Cutbacks and Changing Ideas on Coverage Cast a Pall Over U.S. Newsrooms

selected phones. Knight-Ridder said last week frustrating."

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ington columnist who recently quit Newsday, said he was dis-Willes, the new Times Mirror some of your best people.

the stock price." Indeed, Times Mirror stock has risen from \$18

Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, said that while many newspapers were overturbed by the conduct of Mark staffed, "with buyouts you lose

to about \$29 a share since Mr. Willes took over in May. Bill Kovach, curator of the

week announced it would offer buyouts to 150 advertising and

home-delivery carriers and re- said. duced spending on promotion. He also said the paper was "expanding our definition of news" to include more "real life" stories, such as those in-

But, Mr. Downie said, citing Bosnia as an example, "I don't believe in softening news coverage or abandoning coverage of important issues that might not always be easy to read about."

Many editors have insisted they are not downsizing quality. John Carroll, editor of the Baltimore Sun, said his staff cutbacks were offset by the

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papers roughly double their profit margin.

Mr. Stalberg, whose tabloid asy management has suggested it may close the Daily News unless the editorial staff agrees to a contract extension. Money

papers roughly double their chairman hired from General Mills Inc. "Willes made editorial decisions he was not qualified and competent to make," said the profit goal was reasonable. But he conceded that "there are some things of the short-term bit on the short that we'll be able to maintain it in '96," he said. But he recreatage and say it's not go cut your staff by a significant to cut Laura Morgan, a spokes-woman for the Los Angeles

accounting employees in an effort to shrink its business staff.

Times, said the cutbacks mainly affected weekly sections cre-Leonard Downie Jr., the ated in the last five years. "The Post's executive editor, at- core paper remains intact and tributed much of the circulation has one of the largest news decline to a reorganization of staffs in the country," she aid. approval by the Chinese-At Newsday, which is under British Joint Liaison Group,

orders to boost its profit margin cover 1997, the year Hong from 7 percent to 17 percent, so many staff members accepted buyouts that the paper now that deals with such issues as must fill nearly 20 empty po-

### **Hong Kong** Air Accords Seen Soon

AFX News HONG KONG — Hong Kong expects to sign air-services agreements with Japan and the United States by the end of November, a government spokesman Tuesday.

Both agreements, subject to Kong is to revert to China. The part of the Japan accord

customs and security was con-

cluded this weekend.

### Ekran to Sell Timber Surrounding Dam Site

KUALA LUMPUR - Ekran Bhd. said Monday it would ringgit (\$5.90 billion) hydroelectric project it is overseeing in Sarawak in Eastern Malaysia.

Sunny Khoo, the company's controller., also said Ekran might sell shares in a subsidiary formed to operate the dam once a power-purchasing agreement is completed with Tenaga Nasional Bhd., the national utility.

He said the company hoped to raise about 400 million ringgit from the sale of 8 million cubic meters (10.4 million cubic yards) of logs. In August, the company sold the rights to 3 million cubic meters of timber to Ultimate Strategies Bhd. for 405 million ringgit.

Mr. Khoo said that if the company could not get the price it

wanted for the timber, "then we'll log it ourselves." The trees must be cleared to make way for the 2,400-megawatt Bakun dam,

### Circulation Numbers Tell a Grim Story

By William Glaberson New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Continuing with the corresponding period a a recent trend, seven of the United States\* 10 largest metropolitan newspapers lost circulation in the six-month period that ended Sept. 30, according to new data released by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, which measures newspaper circulation every six months.

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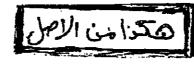
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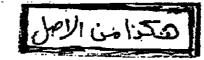
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cated Shanghainese considered their home town "the

But as the city's capitalists

- Chinese and foreign alike

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Today, Shanghai is work-

ing hard to regain its former glory as China's economic

powerhouse. Once again, it is a major transport hub.

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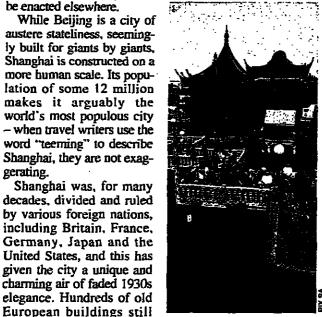
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The one-way cost of the 17 kilometer taxi ride from Honggiao airport to central Shanghai is about 40 yuan have the finest restaurants (\$4.82). For business appointments, taxis are plentiful and reasonably priced. with the per kilometer rate marked on the back of the window. The rental of a carfor the day can be arranged by your hotel, and the extra cost is a good investment in time saved waiting for taxis on crowded street corners. Most hotel car drivers speak English, while few regular. Guangzhou. Mainstays in-- fled during the closing Chinese taxi drivers do.

**⚠** At a Glance

Shanghai is one of the few cities in China in which it is relatively easy for foreign visitors to quickly gain a sense of direction. Virtually country's leaders are now all of Shanghai's key roads seem to lead to or from the Bund. The most famous street emanating from the



stand, and in certain dis- waterfront is Nanjing Av- and Italian restaurants as tricts, visitors can still feel enue, Shanghai's own ver- well as Shanghainese and the flavor of the extravagant sion of New York's Broad- Cantonese eateries. lifestyles of affluent foreign way or London's Regent For more casual internamerchant kings who once. Street Situated along its col-tional dining, try Danny's ved there. orful 5 kilometer length are Cafe (141 Maoming Lu), At the same time. Shang the city's largest department. Malone's (257 Tongren Lu) hai's young people, often stores such as the Shanghais and LA Cafe (188 Huaihai smartly dressed in the latest. Number One Department. Liv), all popular with today's designs by Christian Dior. Store (830 Nanjing Dongly). Shanghai based China and Yves Saint Laurent, are and the Shanghai Silk Shop traders. full of eager anticipation of a (592 Nanjing Donglu). Also

ments makes Shanghai a fa-For business travelers, one vorite destination in China likely destination will be the for many foreign visitors. Pudong district, a special economic zone for foreign The best way to appreciate Shanghai is with an early investors where tax holidays morning stroll along the and exemptions are offered. Bund, its famous and his-There are currently 50 multitoric waterfront, when the national corporations from river traffic is still awakenover 40 countries investing phones are rare and rarely in over 2,600 projects in ing and old men practice tai chi (shadow boxing) under Pudong, at a total value of ancient maple trees planted \$6 billion.

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perous future. The combinanew boutiques, tiny cafes tion of these diverse ele- and karaoke lounges.

Transport to Pudong was nial officials. In the evening, recently vastly improved head across the street to the with the completion of the old Peace Hotel, where the 8.000 meter long Yangpu and multilingual; what is band still plays hits from the Bridge and elevated high-Big Band days of the 1930s way, which links Pudong to and '40s. Order a beer and the heart of the city. In its listen to charming old Glenn race to attract more investors, Shanghai is overjoying a traditional snack. hauling its entire infrastructo renovate the city's port Business travelers will be and airport facilities and pleased to know that the build a new underground Tourism Administration: railway network. A second (86-21) 439-1818.

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S→ In a Word

Shanghainese is the local dialect, but everyone also speaks Mandarin, China's national language. English is spoken widely in all major hotels and their business centers, but is rarely heard outside hotels or tourist

Wining & Dining

Shanghai boasts is own famous cuisine, the highlight of which is fresh seafood. Hearty and full of flavor, it is often more popular with Westerners than the blander Cantonese dishes served in clude meaty dumplings. wonderful breads and streamed noodles as fat as a truck driver's fingers.

> The city's single most renowned dish is only available during winter months. Shanghai's famous "hairy crabs" are oversized, magnificently meaty crustaceans captured fresh from September till December. They are steamed in garlic and ginger in scores of local restaurants. The Old Shanghai Restaurant (242 Fuyou Lu, Tel: 328-2782) serves some of the finest examples. For spicy dishes, the Sichuan Restaurant (457 Nanjing Dong Lu, Tel: 322-2246) serves up the best, while vegetarians will be delighted with Gongdelin restaurant (43 Huanghe Lu, Tel: 327-1532).

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#### **SPORTS**

### New Lineup **Does Little** For Hapless San Jose

The San Jose Sharks have added several players to their roster. They're still getting the

The Sharks lost their third straight game Monday to slip to 0-6-3, failing to the Vancouver Canucks, 4-3.

San Jose shut down Vancouver's top scorers, but gave up

#### **NHL ROUNDUP**

second-period goals to defensemen Dana Murzyn and Jyrki Lumme that put the Canucks up, The Canucks increased their

lead in the third period when fourth-line forwards Josef Beranek and Scot. Walker scored. We played a lot of good stretches, but we still need to put together 60 solid minutes," Sharks coach Kevin Constan-

tine said. "Until we do that, it's tough to get that first victory." San Jose got goals from new-comer Ray Sheppard in the first period and Craig Janney and Kevin Miller late in the third to

Miller scored with 14.6 seconds left on a pass from Ray Whitney after Sharks goalie Wade Flaherty was pulled for an extra attacker.

Constantine put together a forward line of Janney, Sheppard and fellow newcomer Owen Nolan. The line produced most of San Jose's best scoring and will relocate to Minneapochances, including Sheppard's lis next season, remain unde- their fifth consecutive game be-



Dallas goalkeeper Darcy Wakaluk deflects a shot by the Avalanche's Valeri Kamensky.

second goal since being acquired last week from Detroit for center

Igor Larionov. Nolan, who came over from the Colorado Avalance in exchange for defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh, has three assists, including two against Vancouver, who won for the first time in their new arena, GM Place.

Jets 3, Red Wings 2: The Winnipeg Jets are playing some of their best hockey in years but not many people are watching. Playing before a crowd of 7,905 at Winnipeg Arena, the Jets beat the Detroit, 3-2, to take

the Central Division. The Jets, who have missed the playoffs the last two seasons

sole possession of first place in

feated at home with four victories and two ties, while goalie Nikolai Khabilbulin stayed unbeaten in five starts.

The planned move has dampened enthusiasm. On Monday night many people also likely stayed home to watch coverage of the Quebec referendum. Kris King, Mike Stapleton and Teemu Selanne scored for

the Jets, who quieted the offensive-minded Red Wings. Selanne scored the gamerinner at 12:31 of the second. Khabibulin, inconsistent last

season as a rookie, has lifted his game this season, while backup Tim Cheveldae has struggled. Avalanche 6, Stars 1: The way Jocelyn Thibault sees it. the Colorado Avalanche won

cause the Dallas Stars hadn't lost in five games.

"They had been playing great, so maybe that's why we were so ready for them," Thibault said after coming within 11 seconds of his second career shutout. "We were a little more aggressive early because we were expecting a great game from them. That's why we were able to take the lead like we did.''

They took the lead after 72 seconds, as Craig Wolanin beat a screened Darcy Wakaluk with 50-foot (15-meter) wrist

Joe Sakic had two goals and two assists for Colorado, which leads the Western Conference with a 7-3-1 record, but the defense drew the most attention.

### 'It's Real!' New Fans Cheer Tour of China Planckaert Takes 3d Stage; Hegg Keeps Yellow Jersey

By Samuel Abt International Herald Tribute

SHANGHAI — Zhao Qing Song, an engineer and marketing official for a software manufacturer, had gone the full and, he now realizes, barren 24 years of his life without seeing a bicycle race live until a few minutes after noon Tuesday at the intersection of Guiping Road and Tianlin Lu in southwest Shanghai.

His immediate reaction was that he had wasted a lot of time as a spectator at such dull sports as soccer and tennis until the moment that the 104 riders in the first Tour of China turned the corner in a long line of colors and whirring wheels.
"O.K., it's real!" Zhao shouted.

He explained that he had sometimes watched a stage of the Tour de France on television but that this was different. 'This is something we can't see on TV,

this is real," he said excitedly. When the riders took the right-hand turn again the second time in their 20 laps of the 70-kilometer (43-mile) circuit. Zhao was in at least the sixth of the seven states of

"Let me feel the power of the atmosphere," he exclaimed in the English he learned in school, including the Jiao Tong University in Shanghai, where he also studied engineering and injection molding.

Injection molding, which he attempted to explain, unsuccessfully - but that is not his fault - is the heart of his job at Gateway Application Technologies, a distributor of Moldflow software. He was on his lunch break, which he said typically lasts 45 minutes in China, from the factory in the Chao He New Technical Development Zone and decided to spend it watching the

third daily stage of the race. Zhao was not alone. The 3.5-kilometer circuit was lined by a crowd estimated at 10,000, most of them workers and managers at the industrial park's many manufacturers. Unlike Zhao, who carries the burden of management and had to return to the office halfway through, workers were given a couple of hours off to watch.

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They saw a good, fast race, won in a sprint by Jo Planckaert, a Belgian with the goes by no other name. Despite his nearly Collstrop team and the latest offshoot of the famed Planckaert family of professional bicycle racers. He was timed in one hour 32 learned in a day how to drive during a minutes 35 seconds.

Second was Arvis Piziks, a Latvian with Novell, and third was Fred Rodriguez, an American with the national team. The overall leader's yellow jersey was retained by Steve Hegg, an American with the US-Pro team.

"It was a good course for breakaways but there was a strong headwind, which limited the number of attempts." Hegg said. "That's why it came down to a field sprint." Most riders finished in the same time on a brisk fall day with enough of a wind to blow away the pollution that usually hovers in, over and around Shanghai.

Hegg won the yellow jersey of the Kent Tour of China in the prologue last Thursday in Hong Kong. The 500-kilometer, six-stage race will end Sunday in Beijing.

"Ir's a gift, the jersey, and I don't know how long I'll hold it," he said. "Everybody

knows how bicycle racing is: One day you're up, one day you're down.'.

By "everybody," he could not have meant too many members of Tuesday's

crowd. Along with Zhao, they were watching their first live professional race, which is a major object of the Tour of China. The spectators picked up on the sport

quickly, congregating at the six corners of the course, where the action was especially intense, and at the finish line. Even the hardhats who work on the many buildings going up in the vast industrial park clambered down from their bamboo scaffolding to peer over fences and applaud.

Special cheers went up for Sun Baohong, a member of the Kent China team. who trailed the field by a lap. His torn shorts and the huge strawberry on his right thigh showed that he had crashed on the course. Paced by a teammate, he finished, to even louder cheers. There are many subtleties to bicycle racing but being a hometown boy is not among them and the crowd learned fast.

So did Mr. Kong the bus driver, who, 20 years' experience behind the wheel, mercifully none of them in a school bus, he

bicycle race. At the start of the first stage of the Tour of China, he did not understand that his rickety 16-seat bus was supposed to stay just far enough ahead of the riders so that. they could be watched out the rear window by the reporters aboard. A few hundred, meters would be perfect but, when the riders sped off in Shenzen, so did Mr.

Kong. Pounding on the horn despite the empty road ahead, he soon left the pack so far astern that the road behind was empty too. Cries of "Slow down" got through the, language barrier all too well.

Mr. Kong slowed so totally that now the riders were less than a dozen meters behind his bus and, like a torpedo, closing fast. The lead rider threw up his left arm in warning to the others and the chief official, his head visible through the top of an advance car blew on his whistle until the veins in hisneck swelled.

Faster, go, ger moving, came the cries. 'Tora, tora, tora, 'Mr. Kong shook his head in wonder at the indecision aboard, shifted up a gear and left the pack roughly a Peoples Autonomous Region behind. Five or six further attempts at synchronization also failed.

The next day, after time to reflect on the problem, he was perfect.

Perfect? On the second stage, out of and back into Guangzhou, Mr. Kong qualified for pole position at Indianapolis. He was no greenhorn at his first bicycle race, he explained through an interpreter, but a veteran,

From a corporate standpoint, he was even more exemplary: Mr. Kong had stowed away his black Novotel Guangzhou cap, the one with the Blue Angels pin, and donned a white and blue Kent Tour of China cap, honoring the sponsor.

Who says a bicycle race is difficult to translate? Certainly not Zhao or Mr. Kong.

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fielder-first baseman, to minor-league contract.
Exercised the 1997 option on the contract of Mike Hargrove, manager, Named Dan Chill ma-DETROIT-No nanoger, MINNESOTA—Acquired Chris Latham, out-

fielder, from L.A. Dodgers to complete an earlier trade for Kevin Topani and Mark Guthrie, pitch-TEATTLE—Exercised the option on the con-rocts of Edgar Marknez, infielder-designated titter, and Joey Cora, infielder.

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#### **SIDELINES**

#### Davies Rejoins Union

CARDIFF, Wales - Jonathan Davies is set to become the first star to switch back from rugby league to rugby union following union's relaxation of its ban on professionalism. The Cardiff rugby union club has agreed an undisclosed fee for Davies with Warrington, of the Rugby League, his current team.

The 33-year-old left Llanelli in January 1989 to switch to the professional code. He won 27 caps for Wales at union, 13 for Britain at league and captained the Welsh team in the recent rugby league world cup.

#### Cowboys Said to Test Positive

DALLAS — An NFL source has confirmed that at least one Dallas Cowboys player, and possibly two, could be suspended for up to six weeks for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy. The Dallas Morning News reported that the players are defensive tackle Leon Lett and

#### Shortlist for English Stadium

LONDON --- The British Sports Council deferred a final decision on the site of a new national sports stadium and shortlisted two bids: Wembley, on the outskirts of London, and receive up to £100 million (\$157.6 million) in two is 10, or something.

funds. A decision is expected in three to six" Stockholm Initiates Olympic Bid

STOCKHOLM - Stockholm will bid for the 2004 Olympics pending a fund guarantee from the government, city officials said on Tuesday. The city council voted 72 to 27 for the bid. The Green, Party, the Liberal Party, and the Left Party voted

In Rome, the Italian Olympic committee voted. to support Rome, rather than Milan, as the games' host.

#### Pakistan Fights To Draw

PERTH, Australia - Pakistan drew its fourday tour match against Western Australia, ending play 201 runs behind with just two second innings wickets left. Ramiz Raja hit 84 as the tourists made 226 for eight. Discus Thrower Suspended

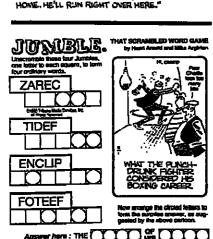
MONACO- The Russian discus thrower after failing a dope test at the Cologne Grand Prix in August. He was also stripped of the title he won in this year's Grand Prix series. (Reuters)

Dennis Rodman, moody forward with the Manchester. The council had been expected to Chicago Bulls, says team chemistry is over-, decide which of five candidates — Bradford, rated: "Chemistry is a class you take in high Sheffield, Birmingham were the others — would school or college, where you figure out two plus,

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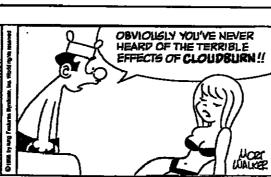














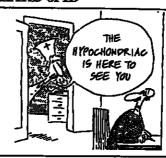








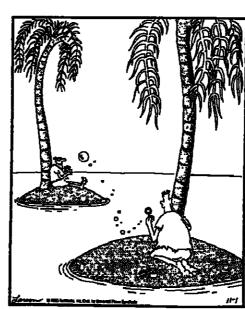
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**Late Goals** 

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Benfica in

**UEFA Cup** 

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
KERKRADE, Netherlands

Two goals from the Mo-

roccan striker Hassan Nader

helped Portugal's Benfica into

the last 16 of the UEFA Cup on

Tuesday after it tied, 2-2, with

Benfica, holding a 1-0 first

leg lead, played a five-man mid-

field and adopted a defensive

style. It appeared to be coasting

But after an hour a Roda de-

fender, Danny Hesp, scored

with an angled glancing header

from a Tijani Babangida cross.

Babangida, the right winger,

was Roda's outstanding attack-

ing player. His curling corner

allowed Roda to take a 2-1 ag-

pounced on the rebound to

thump the ball past keeper

Michel Preud homme into the

left, Nader seized on a low cross

behind the Roda defense to

score with the whole Dutch team

However, with five minutes

Benfica net.

The defender Rene Trost

gregate lead on 73 minutes.

during a goalless first half.

the Dutch team Rods JC.

### Strange Games Off the Field: 2 Disgraced Men Tell Tales

### Dirty Deeds Behind the Scenes in Soccer Have Been Revealed in Court and Press

"After all, what is a Lie? "Tis the truth in Masquerade"

Lord Byron In pursuit of soccer's professional prizes, there are players handsomely paid to dodge and weave on the field. Their deception is glorious, and we applaud it.

But behind the scenes, the hirers and firers of these performers evidently believe we are



gullible enough to fall for anything they do and say. Two such men, Bernard Tapie and George Graham, put themselves and their notoriety back into the spotlight this week.

Tapie, bankrupt entrepreneur, former French Socialist cabinet minister, and ruiner of Olympique Marseille, is awaiting a ruling in his appeal against a one-year jail sentence for

He began his appeal with the confession: "I

He now admits that he failed to tell the whole muth at his trial. He "foolishly" testified that he had never met Boro Primorac, the trainer whose Valenciennes team sold a match to Marseille.

Tapie, however, still swears on oath that he never sought to offer Primorac money or a job. Primorac, says Tapie's counsel, made that up. And in turn, Tapie accuses every witness against him of lying.

His lawyers claim that it was not Tapie, but underlings at Marseille, who systematically operated a slush fund to bribe opposing teams and referees. As the appeal continued, the mire thickened. Allegations grew more specific, new names were dragged into the legal quicksands. The court heard that Marseille set aside five or six million francs (\$1 million to \$2 million) a year to fix up to half a dozen French league games and to bribe a referee or two in the European Cup. The fraud squad put at 110 million francs the

extent of the corruption between 1986 and 1993. Tapie's lawyers no longer disputed the crime, merely try to heap all the blame on Jean-Pierre Bernes, the unfortunate, broken, former Marsiglic general manager.

Tapie initiated nothing. He had to acquiesce to the corruption after he found out "to protect Marseille's image.' So, apart from a little confessed perjury, surely

French justice cannot send down a nice protector of the sporting image?

They can, and they probably will because, as Tapie has long told the world, he is the victim of jealousy and of political frame-ups. Meanwhile, as the squealing goes on, its consequences spread Miroslav Blazevic, coach to the Croatian na-

tional team, which has virtually qualified for the 1996 European Championship, was arrested at tody. He, it is alleged, received 420,000 francs of Geneva airport and handed over to French cus-Marseille's money in a Swiss account while he was couch at Nantes.

Croatia's soccer federation hopes it is not true. 

Arsenal Admits Ince Rejection But while Blazevic is away — the 14th man detained in the Marseille Affair — Croatia has engaged a new, if temporary, coach, Otto Baric, recently dismissed from Casino Salzburg.

What goes around, comes around. In London, George Graham has chosen the tabloid Sun newspaper to publicize his new book "The Glory and the Grief".

It is an attempt to profit while justifying payments he banked from a Norwegian agent. Graham is midway through an international ban from any professional involvement with soccer because of those payments.

He still insists the tribunal that found him guilty of accepting cash from transfers, and that led to his sacking after eight successful years managing Arsenal, was "a kangaroo court."

Graham still insists he accepted £425,000 in Club said on Tuesday.

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two sums in good faith. The money, he says, came as "unsolicited gifts" from the friendly Norwegian agent, Rune Hauge, and had nothing to do with transfers to Arsenal of Pal Lydersen and John Jensen — transfers brokered by Hauge.

Never mind that the Norwegian tax authorities are chasing Hauge. Never mind that the agent, licensed by FIFA, world soccer's governing body, admits to acting on both the buyer's and seller's behalf and pocketing the difference between what the buyer would pay and the seller was willing to accept.

FIFA, in spite of its own president having sat on a panel investigating irregularities in a Hauge deal, included him among its first bona fide players' agents as soon as he coughed up the

en other transfers of Scandinavian players to L England in which Hauge played a part are under investigation. Graham insists in his new publications that his "gifts" were not "bungs" for the Lydersen and Jensen deals but tokens of gratitude from Hauge because he recommended at that time that the agent sell Peter Schmeichel, a Danish goalkeeper, and Andrei Kanchelskis, a Ukrainian winger, to Manchester United.

There is no suggestion that either player profited illegally from the move to Manchester. Indeed, United denies any knowledge of George Graham's advice to the middleman.

Nonetheless, two things do not add up. One is Graham's repetition in his book that he paid the full £425,000, plus £40,000 as interest, to Arsenal the moment the Norwegian taxman made inquiries. Why, if he denies this money had anything to do with the transfers to Arsenal, did the club accept his payment?

And the second Graham recollection? One of the payments, he alleges, was made into his account without his knowledge of how much the gift entailed; the other was handed to him in £50 notes in plastic packages in a London hotel bar. Graham describes putting the money in a briefcase, leaving it uncounted for four days, and being astonished when a manager at his Irish bank counted it for him at £140,500.

It was four days before Christmas 1991. No doubt Graham mistook his visitor from Norway for Santa Claus. He banked the money, intending, he says to set up a trust find for his adult

George Graham's plea is that he was weak, he was greedy, and he fell as any man would to

Any man? I aim to resist temptation to add to his profits by buying the book. I much prefer "Good-bye, Bafana, Nelson Mandela, My Prisoner, My Friend" by James Gregory, the story of Nelson Mandela's personal prison officer on Robben Island.

Gregory writes that he was offered two bribes a month for 20 years to sell newspaper tidbits on \$15.8 million from the contract the jailed African leader. Gregory never received remotely the salary of Graham, but not once did he sell his secrets or his soul.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times

LONDON - Arsenal said on Tuesday that Inter Milan had rejected its bid for England's midfielder Paul Ince.

Ken Friar, Arsenal's managing director, issued the statement following reports that the Gunners were on the brink of completing a £6.5 million deal with the Italian club. (Reuters)

Ardiles Fired in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Osvaldo Ardiles was sacked as coach by Mexican first division team Guadalajara, exactly a year to the day after being sacked by the English Premier League club

Ardiles, an Argentinian who was dismissed by Tottenham on Oct. 31 last year, will be replaced by the former Dutch World Cup coach Leo Beenhakker, a spokesman for the Guadalajara



Finger-pointing: Peter Schmeichel, the Danish international goalkeeper, in action for Manchester United.

### Sandberg Returns as Others Break Free Cub Unretires; Gant, Canseco and Alomar Test Market

On a day that Roberto Alomar, Jose Canseco, Ron Gant and Rickey Henderson opted to become free to join other clubs, Ryne Sandberg decided to abandon retirement and rejoin the team he left in 1994.

The Chicago Cubs announced on Tuesday that they had signed Sandberg, 36, to a one-year contract and that he will resume his career next sea-

Free-agent filings are routine, but Sandberg's return is surprising. A Cubs official said Sandberg's return was initiated after the end of the season. when his agent, Jimmy Turner. contacted the Cubs. Sandberg, who has told people he missed baseball, felt his first obligation was to the Cubs, one of the officials said.

The Cubs did not disclose terms, but when the all-star second baseman retired on June 13, 1994, he relinquished nearly under which he was playing.

This is something that was American in the back of my mind this summer," Sandberg said at a news conference. "It came about on my visits to Wrigley Field. I liked what I saw and that was a big part of me coming

Sandberg retired because he was unhappy with the Cubs general manager, Larry Himes, and was worn out by the team's inability to win. He also was having some problems in his marriage and has since divorced and remarried.

When he retired, Sandberg was in the middle of a fouryear, \$28.4 million contract. He surrendered \$3,093,442 from that season's salary, \$5.1 million for each of the next two seasons and a possible \$2.5 million buyout of an option year in

1997. Assuming the Cubs that was set in motion a year dren. Sheffield, was slightly would not have picked up the ago. Knight, who has never wounded in the upper left shouloption, that would amount to \$15,793,442 from the contract he signed on March 2, 1992, the Reds to the National League biggest in baseball at the time.

A .289 career hitter, Sandberg was the National League's most valuable player in 1984, was a 10-time All-Star and won the Gold Glove nine times.

Among the free agents, Alomar, of the Toronto Blue Jays; Canseco of Boston, Gant of Cincinnati, and Henderson of Oakland, were among the first 11 players who filed for free agency as the filing period began. Players who are free agents cannot begin signing with new clubs until Nov. 13.

Others who filed Monday were Charlie O'Brien of Atlanta, Bryan Harvey of Florida, Dave Magadan of Houston. Rene Gonzales and John Habyan of California. Tom Gordon of Kansas City and Rob Dibble of Milwaukee

League batting champion, Edgar Martinez.

movement among nonplaying

against the Minnesota Vikings.

Albert Fontenot recovered.

the Vikings since 1991.

The Cincinnati Reds introduced Ray Knight as their man-ager, completing a transition way to pick up one of his chil-stopped at a traffic light on the stopped at a tr

The Associated Press MINNEAPOLIS - The Chicago Bears'

the game when rookie Rashaan Salaam fumbled

But the Bears' defense, which kept the

Vikings out of the end zone all night, forced a

turnover of its own with 1:32 left in a 14-6

victory that ended Chicago's league-worst eight-game losing streak on Monday nights.

down to the last minute and was in our hands,"

said Marty Carter, a Chicago safety whose hit on

Qadry Ismail forced the decisive fumble that

offense. But the Bears sacked him four times and

held Minnesota to Fuad Reveiz's two field goals.

Chicago made do with Erik Kramer's two

They completed their sweep that year with

their last Monday night victory.
With the National Football League's fifth-

touchdown passes for its first season sweep of

Minnesota controlled the clock much of the game, with Warren Moon directing a low-risk

"It's a satisfying feeling that the game came

ago. Knight, who has never managed at any level, replaces Davey Johnson, who led the Central title. Knight agreed to a

two-year contract. Johnson, meanwhile, signed a three-year contract to manage the Baltimore Orioles.

The New York Yankees are also close to filling their vacant manager's position. The New York Times reported that Joe Torre might be the only candidate and could be hired within days. The Times said Torre, fired by St. Louis in June, needs only to meet with the new general manager, Bob Watson.

The Cleveland Indians exercised their 1997 option on their manager, Mike Hargrove, who led the team to its first World Series appearance since 1954. Hargrove is 350-316 in 41/2 years with the Indians.

The Detroit Tigers, who had the worst record in the AL, hired Seattle said it will exercise a Randy Smith as general man-\$3.5 million option on the ager. Smith, the former general There was also plenty of At 32, he is the youngest general ing first-round playoff games. manager in the majors.

Bears Hold Off Vikings to End a Jinx

Monday night jinx seemed alive with 2:17 left in Jim Flanigan, a goal-line substitute, for a 7-3 lead

wounded in the upper left shoulder and treated and released from a Hospital.

In Milwaukee, a group of executives and the Libertarian Party filed suit to block construction of a new Milwaukee Brewers stadium, saying a sales tax hike to pay for it constitutes "taxation without representation."

(NYT, AP)

■ NBC Talks Baseball NBC, the U.S. television net-

work, which had said it would not be involved in baseball until at least 2000, was closing in on a five-year contract Tuesday, The Associated Press reported.

Under the deals being discussed, NBC would televise the World Series twice during the next five years and Fox would broadcast three World Series. The two would broadcast part of the playoffs each year.

NBC would televise three All-Star games and Fox would have two, along with a gameof-the-week package. ESPN manager of the San Diego and TNT also would be part of Padres, signed a three-year deal. the package, with each televis-

Television executives said The Florida outfielder Gary the deal would be worth more Sheffield was shot when he than \$1 billion, with NBC and

one prolonged scoring drive, which Kramer capped with a 4-yard pass to the defensive tackle

Then Minnesota made one of its few defensive

mistakes. Kramer stunned the Vikings with a

Conway, the ball barely clearing the outstretched

season, pulled a 38-yard attempt wide left.

with 2:23 left in the first half.

chances in the final minutes.

appealing in vain for offside.
The single goal was enough to seal the tie for Benfica on the away-goals rule, but Nader made sure five minutes later when he chased a loose ball and rolled it into the net. PSV Eindhoven 3, Leeds United 0: Eindhoven brushed aside a lackluster Leeds, beating

the English premier league team to go to an aggregate of 8-3. It was Luc Nilis who

breached the Leeds back four, feeding Philip Cocu who skipped past two tackles to open the scoring in the 11th minute. Leeds battled back, but lacked precision. Bayern Munich 2, Raith

Rovers 1: Germany's international captain Jürgen Klinsmann came to the rescue of Bayern Munich as they battled back from behind to beat Scotland's visiting Raith Rovers and advance on 4-1 aggregate.

Lyon 2, Lazio 0: In Rome, the French first division team shocked the high-flying Italian League team, beating Lazio 4-1 оп арегерате.

The Rome team, 4-0 winners over Juventus last Sunday, conceded a 21st minute goal and missed a penalty shot.

Sparta Praha 2, Zimbru Chisinau 0: Sparta Praha of the Czech Republic beat Zimbru Chisinau of Moldova in Kishinev to qualify in the 4th round of the UEFA Cup.

Jan Koller and Roman Vonasek scored for the Czechs, who narrowly beat Zimbru in the first leg in Prague.

Rotor Volgograd 0, Bordeaux 1: Bordeaux succeeded where English giants Manchester United failed, beating Rotor Volgograd on aggregate.

Antoine Bancarel acting as the lone striker, scored the only goal in the 83d minute.

perfectly thrown 48-yard touchdown to Curtis In other matches: Nottinghand of a leaping Alfred Jackson, as Chicago took a 14-3 lead just 25 seconds before halftime. ham Forest 0, Auxerre 0: The English team wins 1-0 on aggregate; AS Roma 0, Een-dracht Alost 0: Roma qualifies A 43-yard field goal by Reveiz was the only scoring in the second half, but both teams had for the next round on 4-0 first-After forcing a punt, the Bears took over at their own 17 with 8:16 remaining. They had only 39 rushing yards to that point but then added 44 on a leg result; Brondby 1, Liverpool 0: The Danish team wins 1-0 on aggregate; Slavia Prague 1, Lugano 0: The Czech team advances with a 3-1 aggregate; Olympiakos 2 Seville 1: With an aggregate drive to move into field-goal range. Kevin Butler, who had been perfect in 14 field-goal attempts this A roughing-the-kicker call gave the ball back score of 2-2, Seville wins on to Chicago, but Ed McDaniel stripped Salaam on away goals rule; Dynamo Min-sk 2, Werder Bremen 1: The the next play, and Broderick Thomas recovered at the Minnesota 13. An 18-yard pass from Moon to Jake Reed gave the Vikings a first down at the Chicago 31. After German team advances, winning 6-2 on aggregate; Barcelona 4, Guimaraes 0:

Barcelona wins 7-0 on aggre-

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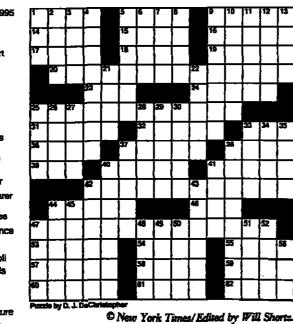
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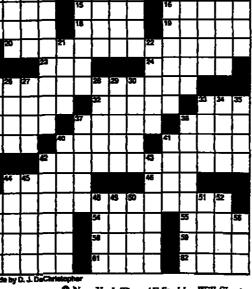
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### Computer Meltdown

By Russell Baker

TEW YORK — O.K., this was going to be a brilliant disquisition — no, I'm not sure what disquisition really means and who cares? I'm too upset also be a disaster, but only time to care. Anyhow, disquisition feels right here.

Disquisition, inquisition, quisition — whatever — that's what this was to be. It was half written on Number One Computer. It's still in there some-where. In Number One Computer, the big Number One, with beautiful colors, ringing bells, all that Windows junk. Useless. at that computer. I can the half that's alread hate that computer. Useless, useless, useless.

'What's it all about, Alfie?'' It's about what it was going to be about. It was going to be about the new hard-nosed labor policy being promised by the new leader of the AFL-CIO.

It was going to be wonderfully thoughtful, stuffed with trenchant economics thoughts, with highly doubtable generalizations.

There were going to be many delightfully constructed long sentences, demonstrating that iust because vou're a journalist it doesn't mean you can't write just as flowery as Henry James

" 'Flowery' won't do, Alfie. Not if you're going up against Henry James. 'Flowery' is an adjective, and you need an ad-

All right, all right already. Make it flowerly. Just because you're a journalist doesn't mean you can't write as flowerly as Henry James. So what happens? I'll tell you what happens. What happens is this id-iotic, selfish, useless Number One Computer —

Before lapsing into incoherent rage, perhaps you would tell us what your half-written column about the new labor

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militancy was going to say."
What do you think it was going to say? It was going to say what a good column ought to say. Namely, that while new labor toughness might be a blessing for America, it might would tell.

"Surely you're joking. That's all it was going to say? That only time would tell?"

Look, it was only half finished. How do I know what it was going to say when I couldn't even finish writing it? Just look at that computer. I can't even see the half that's already written. I

"Please, please! Not another sneer at the computer. You know it generates all that hate mail from persons who adore their computers and point out that, fortunately, computer haters like you will soon all be dead."

O.K., I love my computers. But only when they work. If this disgracefully old Computer Number Two were not working flawlessly right now, a deadline would be missed, and another vital communication would be lost to civilization.

I love Computer Number Two for working right now, for not letting me down like Computer Number One with its glorious colors and its amazing devices for putting me in touch with the whole darn universe if only it were working and somebody would write a manual explaining clearly how to use it to make contact with said universe. I also want to love Com-

puter Number One, but cannot. If I were a gun person I would shoot it right in its blank, staring, useless eye. Fortunately, I am not a gun person. In some re-mote future, archaeologists may revive it and discover an astonishing disquisition on union labor back in the 20th century.

New York Times Service

### Animatronics Breathes New Life Into Pinocchio

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

MORINA, Czech Republic — The pint-size movie star waited patiently for his next take, unperturbed by the raucous scene unfolding around him. "Allez! Allez! Allez!" a French animal trainer cried, imploring his most talented donkey to lift a front leg to unlatch a gate.

Other donkeys brayed encouragement. But even talented donkeys . . . well, at least the young star would be ready when called. In fact, being an animatronic puppet, he was always

That said, to play Pinocchio in a new live-action version of Carlo Collodi's 19th-century children's classic is enough to test any pupper. He has to look sad, happy, puzzled, wicked and

He has to run, jump, swim, fire a rifle and play truant. And in the end, he has to turn into a well-behaved little boy. But he appears to have made it. By the time 12 weeks of location work in the Czech Republic ended last week, the little fellow was being hailed as a true professional.

"I have worked with far more wooden actors." said Martin Landau, who plays Geppetto, the old Italian puppet maker, in the movie. "He and I are pals. We have a great rapport. Sometimes I relate to him as an older actor would to a young actor, sometimes as Geppetto to Pinoc-chio, sometimes we ad-lib. I think the more I believe in him, the more the audience will. The more life I can give to Pinocchio, the more life

Certainly, if the film succeeds in captivating young moviegoers when it is released late next spring, it will be because the puppet seems so human. And then parents will be left to muse over whether Pinocchio is setting a good or a bad example for their household, whether their own young scamps will heed Collodi's final sermon that naughty boys who turn over a new leaf "have the power to bring content and happiness to their families."

Still, it is not really mischief but technology specifically that of Jim Henson's Creature Shop, which is emerging from a difficult period - that makes this Pinocchio tick.

Building on its experience with lifelike animals in "Babe," the Australian movie, the workshop constructed a foam latex and fiberglass puppet that moves with uncanny nat-uralness. It crammed his "brain" with electronic wiring and 18 tiny motors that permit a full range of facial expressions. And it gave him a voice, or rather the ability to lip-sync the recorded voice of Jonathan Taylor Thomas

Much of the movie was shot in the 15th-century town of Cesky Krumlov, but the scenes



Bebe Neuwirth during a scene in "Pinocchio," being filmed in the Czech Republic.

(who also provided the voice for the orphaned filmed in a valley near Morina, this little town piglet in "Babe").

So, welcome to animatronics, Pinocchio! After being created first for the imaginations of version, he has now become a three-dimensional "being" who roams the real world and interacts with real people. He has come alive, which is what Collodi intended all along. "We filmmaker's nightmare. even made him talk between scenes so he could be accepted as a real actor," Rob Tygner, one of the puppeteers, recalled with amusement.

Much of the movie was shot in the 15th- still not unlatched the gate.

outside Prague, were particularly complicated.

A set was built to represent Terra Magica, a country fair where runaway boys could get into children more than a century ago and then as a all sorts of mischief but were then punished by cartoon character in Walt Disney's 1940 movie being turned into donkeys (although in this version Pinocchio only sprouts donkey ears). And this meant working simultaneously with children, animals and a puppet, surely every

> "You need amazing patience to do this,"
> Steve Barron, the British director of the film, said with understatement - and the donkey had

In truth, of course, Barron was delighted to be

directing. Five years ago, while making his name with "Teen-Age Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Concheads" and other fantasy films, he proposed a live-action version of "Pinocchio" to

Disney but was turned down. Soon afterward, Francis Ford Coppola began planning his own "Pinocchio," using a computer-generated image of the puppet, but this project fell through. Then late last year, the independent producers Donald Kushner and Pe-

ter Locke revived the idea of a live-action ver-Barron was brought on board; he recruited the Henson team, and Savoy Pictures agreed to finance 60 percent of the film's \$30 million budget. Pinocchio was at last ready to be reborn. (The film, "Carlo Collodi's Pinocchio," is

scheduled for release at the end of May.) The script is truer to Collodi than Disney, but it, too, takes some license. As in all the versions, the little wooden puppet comes alive, has myriad adventures and eventually, after doing good

deeds, is turned into a real little boy.

But in this movie, the blue-haired fairy disappears: the cat, the fox and the cricket have bigger roles; the chief bad guy is Lorenzini, a circus showman: Geppetto and Pinocchio end up inside an animatronic sea monster rather than a dogfish (Collodi) or a whale (Disney), and, finally, Geppetto finds a long-lost love.

Landau, fresh from his Oscar-winning performance as Bela Lugosi in "Ed Wood," jumped at the chance to play Geppetto. "The script moved me on the page," he explained during a break in filming. "And it gives Geppetto a wonderful character. When it begins, he's not a very social animal, he finds comfort in inanimate objects, he's a loner set in his ways. And he winds up having feelings he hasn't known since childhood. That's why it's not just a film for children. There's a lot of nice

stuff for everyone in it."

Jonathan Taylor Thomas, 13, is briefly on screen at the end of the movie as the real boy Pinocchio. His main role, however, is to provide the puppet's voice. The cast also includes Bebe Neuwirth, who plays Felinet the Cat; Rob Schneider as Volpe the Fox: the German actor Udo Kier as the evil Lorenzini, and Geneviève Bujold as Leona, Geppetto's late-in-life love interest. Pepe the Cricket, in contrast, appears as a computer-generated image.

But this is Pinocchio's film and, in that sense, the main star is Jim Henson's Creature Shop—not only its engineers in London, who built more than a dozen models of the puppet, but also its team of puppeteers, who bring Pinoc-

### **WEATHER** Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather W High Cr Cr 1 22/70 r 13/55 pc 21/70 r 22/71 c 16/61 r 14/52 r 8/46 r 11/52 r 8/46 pc 13/59 c 13/59 c 13/59 c 11/59 r 14/69 pc 11/69 r 14/69 pc 11/69 r 14/69 pc 15/59 r 14/69 r 15/59 r 15/59 r 14/69 r 15/59 r Europe London will be dry and chilly through the period. Pans will have a few showers Thursday, then dry, cold weather afterwards. Snow will be the shape while rain drenches the Alpa while rain drenches that a Poland will be cold with snow showers. Moscow will be rainy. Asia Typhoon Angela may bring rems to the northern or central Philippines while the moisture tom Typhoon Zeck drenches parts of Southeast Halp and Greece. Scandinavia to Poland will be cold with snow showers. Moscow will be rainly dry. North America North America New York City and Washington, D.C., will turn mild at the end of the week with episodes of rain. Colder air will arrive for the weekend. Toronto and Chicago will have rain Thursday, then much colder weather Friday and Saturday. Mlami will have heat and humidity typical of summer

Latin America

THE soul singer James Brown, who in I recent years has spent nearly as much time behind bars as behind a microphone, was back in jail again on a domestic vi-olence charge after his wife, Adrienne, said he assaulted her.

Elizabeth Hanford Dole, president of the American Red Cross, has announced that even if her husband, Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate majority leader, wins the White House, she plans to keep her job. Although Eleanor Roosevelt was paid for writing newspaper columns and lecturing. Dole would be the first first lady to hold a steady job while living in the White House. Her commute to work would not be a problem. The Red Cross offices are a couple of blocks from the

On his foreign jaunts, the Duke of Edinburgh is generally a good sport. He's now in New Zealand, for example, and he agreed to rub noses — a traditional Maori greeting — with a group of elders. But the line of Maoris waiting to rub noses with the



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Oprah Winfrey: signed with Disney. duke got longer and longer. After the 36th nose rub, the duke called it off.

deal with Walt Disney Co. to produce and star in motion pictures, including an adap-tation of Toni Morrison's "Beloved."

Ben Bradlee, the retired executive editor of The Washington Post, is to be given the Burton Benjamin award for his commitment to press freedom by the Committee to Protect Journalists on Dec. 6.

It was a hint that Prince Rainier of Monaco had a sense of humor when he decided to dine with his family at an offbeat New York restaurant named Pomp, Duck and Circumstance. The eatery strives for a carnival atmosphere and, for example, encourages food fights among its patrous. One waiter, Tim Ward, is employed to insult the clientele. "Hey! Look at the little prince, eating with his fingers!' Ward shouted as he passed the royal famlly. He also quipped to Rainier's heir,

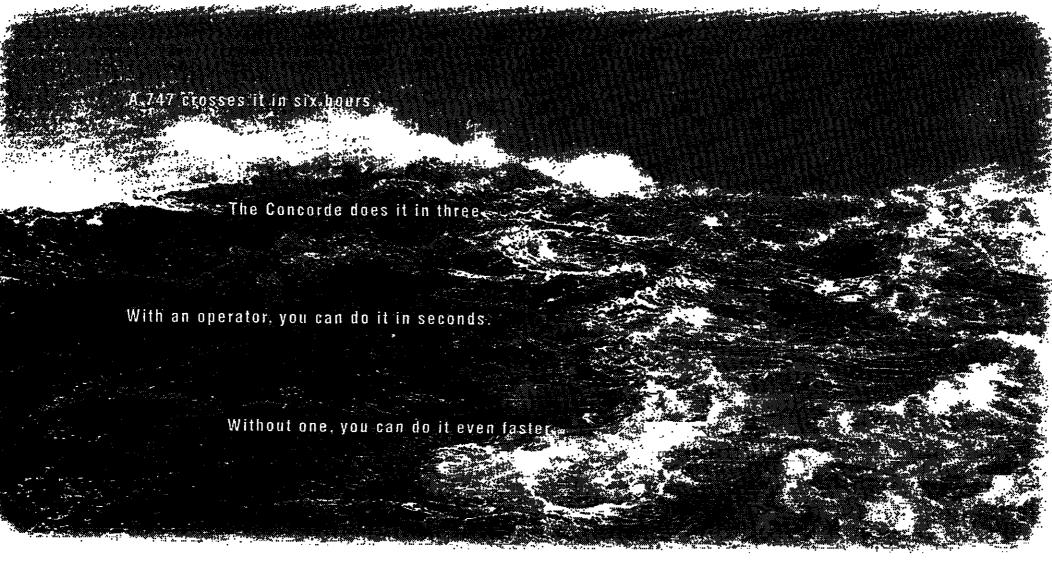
You're Prince Albert now, but if there were elections, would you be Plumber Albert?" That was too much. The monarch of Monaco turned in his chair and solidly Oprah Winfrey has signed a five-year slapped the offending waiter.

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